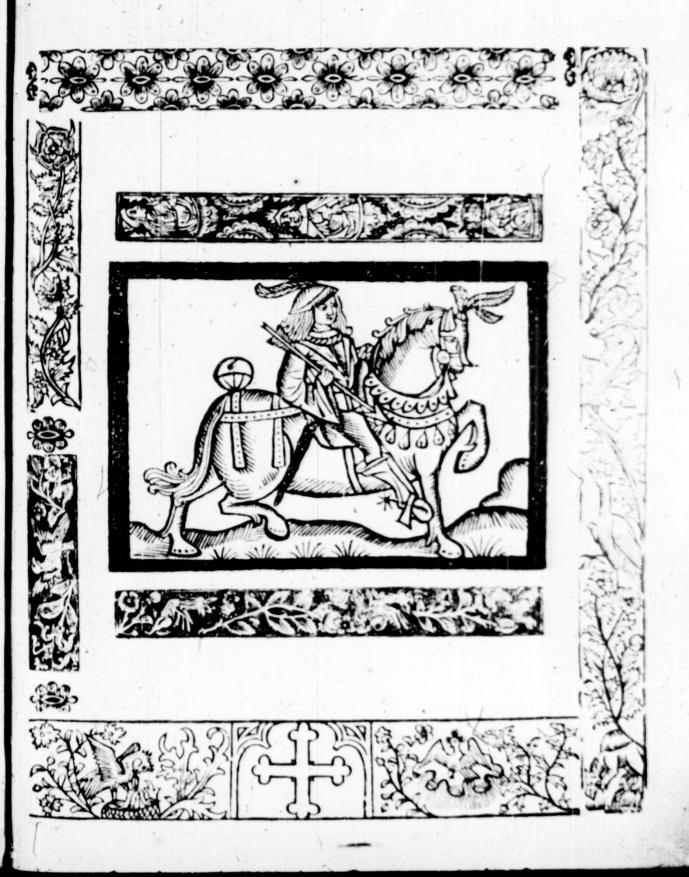
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Reat thankes/laude and honoure/oughe to be goven but o peletkes/poetes/and hyltogiographs/that have waiten manye noble bokes of wyledom/of the lyves/pallions/and

mpraces of help lapates of tyliories of no. ble and famous actes and faptes and of the crompcles (pethe the begynnunge of the creas cion of the worlde, buto this prefent tome, by whiche we been darly enfourmed and have knowlege of many thynges of whome we [ bulbe nat have knowen/ if they had nat left to be their monumentes witten. Amonge whome and inespectall to tope all other/ we ought to grue a linguler laude bnto p noble and greate phylolopher Geffrey Chauceri the whiche for his ornate writinge in oure tonge/map well have the name of a laureate poete: for tofoze that he by his labour/enbes ipfihed omated & made fapte our engipfihe in this royalme was had rude speche and in congrue as pet it appereth by olde bokes! whiche at this daye ought nat to have place ne be compared among ne to his beauteous belumes and ornate writinges of whome be made divers bokes and treatiles of manp a noble biftozpe/as well in metre as in tome and proce/and them to craftely made that he comprehended his maters in [ horte/quicke/ and bye fentences/eschewping/pzolippte/cas truge awape the chaffe of superfluyte, and Thewing the pphed grapue of fentence bttes red by crafty and lugred eloquece of whome amonge all other of his bokes / 3 purpole to emprinte by the grace of Jeiu, the boke of the tales of Caunterbury in whiche I fynde many a noble hyltoxie of every aftate and de gre. Trait reherlyng the condicions and the aray of eche of them as properly as possible is to be (aid and after their tales / which ben of noblette/wploome/gentlette/up;the/and allo of bery holynelle and bertue/wherm he

fraps beth this larde boke. Whiche boke is opliating and tremly corrected by a copy of Willyam Cartons imprinting /acording to the true makinge of the lapo Seffrap Chans ceri as berafter I ball folome all along by the beloe of almighty god: to whom I humbly befecher that I mape it to atchpue and acco. plyll be/p it be to his landerhonour & glow: and that all pe that I hall in this boke redem here/well of pour charge amonge pour bes bes of mercy/remembre the louie of the land Beffrey Chaucer frafte auctour and maker of this boke. Ind also that all the that shall le and rede therin/ mare lo take and buder frande the good and bertuous tales, that it map to profete buto the helth of our foulegi that after this shorte and transprozpe lyfu we may come to everlafting tope in heuen. amen. 

# Thus endeth the proheme/and here foloweth the names of them that tell the tales.

Tfirst the knochtes tale The Appllers tale The Reues tale The Cokes tale The man of lawes tale The Marchauntes tale The Soupers tale The frankelepustale The wyfe of Bathes prologes her tale The frerestale The Compnours tale The clerke of Orenfordes tale The Aunnes tale The tale of the chanons poman The doctour of phylikes tale The Pardoners tale The Shypmans tale The priorelles tale The trine offpa Thopas Chauncers tale The Monkes tale The nunnes preeftes tale The Manceples tale And the parlong tale.

#### The prologe of the autio

The prologue of the auctour in which the maketh mekepon howe and where this company met and of their condy crons and arrapland what they be: Is pe Chall for the conditions of their condi

Dan that Aprill with his [ houres lote 10 The brought of march barb peed frote And bathed every beyn in luche lycour Df whiche bettue engendieb is the flour 10ban sepherus che with his fote brethe EnCopred bath in cuery holte and bethe The tender cropped and the porige forms Dath in the Bam/halfe his cours pronne And (male foutes make melodge That (lepenall neght with open ere so pricketh bem nature in ber corages Tha i longen folke to gon on pplgrimages Ind palmers to lecbe ftraunge ftronbes Cofesuen balowes/couthe in fonday londes And (pecially fro every ( byzes ende Of Englande to Caunterbury the wende The bolp blof full marty; for to like That them bath bolpen what thep were [che.

Chilm that leafon on a bap In Suthwerkerat Tabarbe as Tlap Reby to wenden on my pylatimage To Caunterbury with devoute colage That night was remel in to that boffelige Well none and twenty in a companye Offonby folkerby auenture pfall Infeion fhroward prigrimes were they all That to warte Caunterbury wolden tybe The chambres and the flables were wide And well were we rafeb at beffe And (bottly whan the fonne was at refte Sobad Tipoken mith bem euerpebone That I was ofher felow (byp anone And madefastwarde learly for to the To take our wapstbetras I pou Deuple But natheleffer whples I baue tome a fpace Di that I ferther michis tale pace Me thynherbat accordaunt to reafon Cotell pou all the condicion Of eche of bemilo as it femed me and whichether west and of what begre And in what asaptekr thep weren in And at a tapabtifyzit if wpilbegen.



finnght there was a worthy man That fro the tyme that he first began Co typen out be loued thrualtre Crouth & bondum fredom and curtefpe full worthy be was in his loides weree Ind thereo had be epodenino man ferre 310 as well in cryftendome as in bethenells and cuer bad bonour for his wrotheneile At Alpfaundze be was whan it was worme full ofte tome be had the boide begonne Abouen all nacions in pauce In Lettowe bab be repled and in Bufe Ao croften man fo often tymes as be In Garnade at the frege ibe bad be be It Algerie and epben in Beimarre It Leps was be and che at Satalpe 10 han thep were wonne and in the great les At many a noble army has be be At mortall bataples had be be fritene Ind foughte for our farthe at Trampflens In leftes theferand are flare bes fo This place wouthy any got bad be also Somtome with the lorde of Walarbre Igapne another betben man in Curape" And cuermose be had a fourrapne pale

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Ind though he was worthy he was byte
Ind of his porteras meke as a maphe
As never pet no bytapupe he tapbe
In all his lyfe butto no makes wyght
he was a bety gentle petfyte huyght
fo; to tell you of his acay
Dis house were good but he was nat gay
of fustpan he weared a gryption
In; he was late come for his byage
Ind lente fo; to bo his pylgtimage

With him there was his fonne a rong fquier Mouce and a lufty bacheire 1bith lockes crull as they were lapbe in preffe Oftwenty pere of age be was I gelle of his flature be was of eurn length And monderly belyuer and of great frength Inb be bab be Compme in chpuauchp In flaunders in detorie and in Opeardy Ind boane bem well as of a letell (pace In bope to Canben in his labres grace Enbioubed was be as it were a meeb Bil full of frelibe floures whyte and rech Epngrage be was o; Coptynge all the bap De mas as feell be as is the moneth of Bap Shour was bis gowne to fleues longe a mpbe Theil couth be fotte on boxfer therto fapte tobe the courbe longes make and well endre Touft and bauncerpourage and che write so bote be louebithat by my abtettale Le (lepte nomote than a npghtpngale Curreple be was lowly and fecuplable De carte befome his father at the table.

At that tyme for helpste to type so

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And he was clad in cote a hode of grene

A sheft of pecoke arowes bright and shene

Winder his bette he bare full thristely

Well coude he dresse this takyli pomanly

Bus arowes drouped nat with fethers so we

And in his hande he bare a myghty bo we

A not heed he had with a browne by sage

Of woomans crafte coude he all the blage

Wipon his armethe bare a gay bracer

And by hes type a sweede and a bokeler

And on that other spee a gay baggare

Barneysed well and sharpe as popnt of speare.

A Cetholicon of speed of speed of speare

In homehe baterthe bawdathe was of grene is a folice was he lethin as I gelle

Dere was allo a Aumne a priozeffe That of ber impling toas (pimple a kop Det greateft othe was by fapnt Lop 3nd i be was cleped Dame Eglenten Juli well ( be longe the lecupce Dupne Eugened in ber borce full Cemely 3nd frenche f be fpake full fetoufly After the fcole of Stratforde at the Bome fo: frenche of warrs was to ber bnanowe It meat well taught was (be withall She let no mozlell fro ber ir open fatt Be wette ber fyngers in ber lauce bepe Well coude (be cary a montell of mete That no Dioppe fell bpon ber biel In curtele was let full myble ber left Det ouet leppe weped (be lo clene That in her cuppe there was no ferthyng lene Of greace whan I be hab bronke ber braught full Cemely after ber meate (be raught Indipherty fbe was of great disporte Of plefaunce and ampable of pone 3nd payned ber to countrefete there Of courte and to be Cateip of manere Ind to be holde by ane of ceuerence But fo; to locke of ber confcience She was to charptable and to pproug Sie wolde wepe if that fbe lawe a mous aught in attappe if it were beed of blebbe of imale boundes bad be that ibe febbe with tolle delibe of mpike of watel breed But loze wepte the if any of them were beeb D; if men (mote bem with perbe linerte And all was confcience and tender berte full Cemely ber weinple pencheb was Det nole treatple bet epen grep as glas Der mouthe (male and therto fofte and rech But (phecly ( he bad a faple foruced It was almost a span brobe Accome fo: hardly the was nat buber growe full fetpre was ber cloke as T was ware Of (male cotall aboute ber arme (be bare A parte of beater gaubed all with grene And theron honge a broche full (bene On whiche fraft was watte a crouned & Ind after that Imo: beneut ommia Another Aume with her bab (be That was her chapelagnerand prestes thre.

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Monte there was fayze for the maistry In out epber that loued well benozp A manip manito be an abbote able full many a Depate house had he in fable and whan be robe men might his brible here Gringelyng & whpftelyng in the wynde clete Ind the as loude as bothe the chapell bell There as this loade was keper of the cell The rewle of Capit Maute & of Capit Benet Bycaufe be beibe it fourwhat olde and freps This ilke monke let olde thringes pace Ind beide after the newe worlde the foace De pafe nat of the texte a pulled benne That leyth that bunters be natholy men Ac that a monke whan be is recheleffe is inhe to a foffbe mban it is materielle This isto (ap a monke out of a derftre But that terte beloe he nat worthe an opfire And Tlap that his oppnpon was good What Chulde be flubre and make him tood Zipon a boke alway in clopfter to pours D: (with the bandes and laboute (und As Auftin brooch how fould & worlde be fer. Let Buften baue bis lmpnbe to hom referued Therfore be was a pricatour a regist Orrhoundes be bad as ( wyfr as toule in flight of pucking and of buntinge for the base 10 as all his tufte for no cofte wolde be force flame his fleues puerpled at the hande with grice and bat the freft of a lande And to faften his bode buder thectring De had of golde wrought a curpous pynne I loue knot in the greater ende there was His been mas balled whichel bone as glas and the his face as be bad ben anopnte De was a loide fatte and in good poplite Dis epen ftepe and collenge in his beco That fremed as a furners of a keed Dis botes fouple bis boxfe in grat afface Rowe certerily be was a fapre prelace He was not pale as a forpyned gooff I fact wan loued be beft of any rooft his palfrey was as broune as a bery

I feets there was a wanten and a mery a lipmptour and a full folempne man in all the oppers four is none that can so mother of balpauce and fagge langage be had made full many a fagge mariage of ponge women at his owne coll

aintpli is ofthe bas a noble pole full etbeloued and full famplier was te 10it', frankelepns ouce all in his countre In the with worthy pemen of the toun for he had power of confelleoun As lapo boan leife more than a cutate Ind of his orbie be was lecenciat full Cwetelp berbe be contell fon Ind piclaunt was his ablolucion Ind an ealp man to gpue penaunce There he write to baue good prtaunce fo: bnto a poore ordre for to apue Is figne that a man is well of bitue fo: if he pate be burfte make abaunt De word that a man was repentaunt Many a man fo barbe is of bette He map nat wepe though be lose (mette Therfore in ftebe of weppinge and prapers Men muft reue fpluer to the poore freres Distroct was I facteo full of angues 3nd with pynnes to grue fapte wrues Ind certagne be bad a mery note After ly coude be fringe and pley at the cite Trebornaes he bate betterly the piece Mis neche was whote as the flour belock Therto fronge be was as a champioun Ind bue be the tauernes well in every town Ind every offeler and tapftere Better than a laser o; a beggeftere fo: bnto fuche a worthy man as be Acorderb nat as by bis faculte To baue of fuche lyke larets acqueynt sunch Tris nat boneft it map nat auaunce for to deale with luche poraple But with triche and fellers ofortable Ind ouer all/there as epchelle ( buide aryla Curters be was and lowin of leruple There was no man no where fo berruous We was the beft begger in bis bous Ind pare a certapne terme for the graunt Pone of his bietherne came in his baung for though a wpoowe had nat af ho to pleafaunt was bis in principto yet wolde be baue a fertbeng og be went Dis purchace was better than bis cente Ino barke be courbe as it mere a mbeipe In louedages there coube be mphie beine for there be nas lpke a clopfterere 10 mb a thiede bare cope as a poor freto But he was iphe a mapl et o; a pope

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Of bouble werkebe was his femp cope
That rounde was as a bell out of prefe
Sommhat he lefter to bis wantomneffe
To make his engigethe fwete boon his tonge
And in his harppag/whan he had plonge
his epen two prefe in his heed aright
To bone the flerces in the frost proght
This worthy free was called by ubberde

In motiep! on hpgh on his hope he fate alpon his heed a flaunders beuer hat his botes clasped lapse and fetous ly his botes clasped lapse and fetous ly his reasons be spake full solempnely he wolde the see were kepte for any thring he wolde the see were kepte for any thring he wolde the see were kepte for any thring he wolde the see were kepte for any thring he wolde the see were kepte for any thring hell coude he in his eschaunges sell whis worthy man his write full well besette where wost no wright that he was in dette here wost in his bargaris and with his cheuesaunce for other he was a worthy man with all But sothe to say I nat howe men him call

Clerke there was of Drenforde allo That botto logite bab longe ygo As leane was his boxe as a cake and he was nat epght fatte I binbertake But loked bolowe and there Coberty full thiebebare was his ouereft courtbp for he had gote hom pet no benefpce At was nat wouldly to have an offece for bem mas leuce to haue at his bebbes beeb Twenty bokes polad in whyte and reed Of Aristotle and of his phylosophye Than tobes tpche of fole of lawtre But all be that be was a phylosopher pet had be but lptle golde in cofer But all that be myght of his frendes bent On bokes and on leenpinge be it (pent And bulply gan for the foules pray Of hem that pafe him wher with to Colap Of Gubp toke be motte cute and bebe Aat a wozde fpake he moze than nede Ind that was lapd in fourme and reuerence bours and gupckeland full of high fentence ownprige mozall bertue was his (peche and glably wolde be lerne and gladly teche.

Sergeant of latte water and tople Was there of ofte had be at the peruple That was also full trebe of excellence Difcrete be was and of great reuerence The lamed luche his wordes were lo wple Juftpe: be was full ofte in allple 28 patentland by plapne compilion for his ference and his bygh cenoun Offices and robes had be many one So gret a purchalour was there nowher none All was fee (pmple to hom in effecte Dis purchace myatt nat be to bym luspecte Ao where to buly a hian as be there nas And pet be Comed bulper than be was In termes had be cale and domes all That fro the tyme of king William were fall Cherto he coude endyte and make a thying There coude no wight penche at his writing And euerp flatute coude be plapne bp rote De code but homely in a medlep cote part with a lepnt of lylhewith barres smale Efbis grap tell I no lenger tale.

frankelepn was in his company Whore was his becde as is the Deplo Ind of his complexion was langupne melloued he by the mojowe a cup of wone Co lpuc in delpte was euer bis wonne Fo: he was Eppeuces owne lonne That helde opinpon that plapae delpte Was very falicyte parfete In boul holder and that a great was be Sagnt Julian be was in his countre Dis biced bis ale was alway after one I better byned man was no where none Without Jake meate was be never in his hous Dis fyllbeibis delibeia that fo plentuous It for wed in his boule of meate and dimbe Of all Deputies that men couthe thenke After the fonday featon of the pere Do chaunged he his meate and his Copere full many a fatte partepebe bad be in memo And mamp a breme and luce in Gebe 100 was his cokerbuthis fauce were Populant and Charpe and redp all his gere Dis table bogmaunt in his hall al wap Was redp couered ali the longe bap At fellions there was be loade and fore full ofte trine he was knyght of the Chyze A antace and a appler all ofly be

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A Chy zefe had be ben and a cozonour was no where luche a worthy bauclour

A haberballber there was a capentet a mebbel a bper and a tappler Ind thep were clothed all in o lpuew Of a Colempne and great fraternpte full frellhe and newe ber gere ppked was Her knyues chaped were nat with blas But all with (pluer wought full dene & wele Her gyzbeles and her pouches enerybele Well Cemed eche of bein a fapte burgeps To fptten in the Gylbe hall at the beps Querpche for the wploome that he can mas happely for to be an alberman for cataple hab they pnowe and rent Ind her wpues wolde it well affent Ind els certapne they were to blaine It is full fappe to be called madame Ind go to the bygilles all befome And have a mantell trally phome

Coke they had with bem fo; the nones Co bople the chikens a the mary hones Ind powder marchaunt tarte & galpngele Well knewe be a braught of Londonals De coude rotte lethe brople and frye . Bake moztrewes and well bake appre But areat barme was ulas it thought nie for on his Chynne a mormali had be Ind blanke manger/made he witg the beft

Stypman was ther p woned fer by well I for aught I wor be was of Derthmouth We code by a commey as he couth In a gowne fologinge to the kine A bagger on a lace hangpinge hab be Aboute bis necke bioer his arme aboun The hote Comer had made his hewe all broun Ind certarnly he was a good felawe full many a braught of wyne be had brawe fro Burdeaur warde whyle o chapmen llepe Of nyce confepence toke he no kepe If that he faught a bad thebygber hande By water be lent bem home to euery lande But of his crafter to teken well his tybes 1) is firemes and his daungers hym bely des big berberough his mone a bis loomanage There was none luche from Dull to Cartage Hardy he was and ware to bidertake

hing at his gridle as whyte as mozow mythe With me ga tempeft his berbe bath be Chake De har se all the hauens that there were fro doctanbe in to the Capfenellere And euerp crycke in Butanne a in Spanne Dis barge was called the Daubelagne.

> Ith by there was a boctour in phylike In the worlde was there none him loke To fpeke of phylike and furgerys Jo: he was grounded in Aftronomye the hepte his pacient a great bele Inhoures by magphe naturell Well couthe be of fortune the affendens Of his priages for his pacient He knewe the cause of every malabre Were it of colde beate mouft or bite And were engendied of what humour He was a berp parfyte practefour The cause panowe and of his parine the rots Anone be pafe to the lyke man bis bote for redy at way be his apotecatres Tolende hom diugges i gis lecurbarres for cebe of hem made other forto menne Wetfrendlhpp was nat netve to begrime full well knewe be the olde elculaptus And Enfoyabes and the Buius Olde proctas Halp and che Seliene Setapion Balis and che Juicene Buerreps Damalcene and Conframy Bernarde Gatiforn and Spibertyn Of his opere melurable was be for it was of no luperflarte But of great nourillipnice and bigeffpble Dis fluby was but lytell ba the byble Infangweyn and in peter T clad withall Lynco with Taffaca and with Sandall Ind lytiche was othis bupence De kepte that be wan in the pettylence for golde in pholibe is a cordpall Therfore he loued golde in elpecyall.

> Good wafe there was of believe Bathe Ind the was lovele defe a that was leas Of clothe making had the luche an baile (the She palled them of Tpic and of Gaunt in all the parpilbe wyfe was there none That to the offring before ber f bulde gone 3110 if there byo certaine wrothe was the Than was the out of all charite Wet bettheues full fone were of grounds

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I due to Overe they wered the poimbe That on a Contay were on ber beed Der holen wete of frae fearlet reed full active perpet it Choes full mopfl a newe 28 olde was her face fappe and reed of he we be was a worth woman all ber lyue 3) albandes at the chysche doze had the frue Dethout other company in conthe 23 ut becof neverb nat to speake as nouthe It Icces had the beniand or Jerusalem She had palled through many a ftrange reme 3: Bome (be bab bei and at Bolorne It farnt Tames in Bairce and at Colorne She coude moche of wandzing in the way Sap tothe was The lother to lay Tipon an ambulet full calcip (be fatpupmpled metliand on ber beet an bat Is brobe as it were a bobeler or a targe 3 fote mancie aboute ber hyppes large Ind on her beles a papie of (peges Charpe Th felow bpp coude (be laugh and carpe of remeores of love (be soude per chaunce for of that acte The coude the olde baunce.

Good man there thee of religyour Ind was a poor person of a toun But riche be was ofboly thought a merke De mas alfo a terneb man and a derte That Croftes golpels trewly wolde puche His parpisons benoutly molde be teche Benranche was and wonder opligent Ind in abueriree full pacient Ind aiche be was ploued ofte frthes full lothe were de to curle for bis tothes 23ut rather moibe be peuc out of Doute Zinto bis poote parpi bons aboute Of his offryng and the of his lubitaunce De coude en iptie thonge baue (uffplaunce lopbe was his parpthe to boules fer a fonber But be letnat for rapne ne for thunber In licknelle no; in mplebete to bplite The fetted in his pary the more and lyte moon hes feter and in his hande a statte This noble entample/buto his ( hepe be pafe That forth be wrought a afterwarde taught Out of the assett the wordes he caught And thes fregute be ekeb thetto Chat Maelbe zufte what Chulbe pien bo for a prest to be foule in whome we truffe As meader is a letobe man to tufte

3mb (bame it ig if a prectitate bepe 3 (lotty ( beperbe and a clene ( bepe Well ought a preeft enfaumple to apue Bebischenrelle bowe bis (bepe (bulbe lyue Belette nat his benefpce to byze Ind let his ! bepe acombie in the mpie Ind tenne to London to faput Boules and leke bom a chauntepe for loules Diber with a bestberbeed to be withholde But owell at home and kepe his folde So that the wolfe ne made it nat milcaepe De was a (bepherde and nat a mercenarre Ind though he boly were and vertuous De was nat to (putul! men to difpytous Ac of his techpinge Daungerous ne Digne But in bis (peche bifceete and benyane T-1 Diame folke to beuen with tapienelle Bp good enlaumple this was his bulpnelle But it were any persone obarnate Whether he were of begh o; lowe affate Dem woter be inpube (barpir for the nonis I better prech I trowe no where none is De wapted after no pompe ne reuerence As made to bem a speced conscrence But Crystes love and his apolicis emclue De taught but fritt be folowed him feine.

7 th burn there was a plowman bis brobes ID That bad led of bunge many a fober I treme (wpnker 4 a good was be Lyupnge in peace and parfete chatite Cob loued be beft with all bis bette It all tymes Bough be gameb o: (meste Ind than his nepgybout right as bim friue He molbe threathe A thereo bygge and belue for Ceptes (abe for euery poore mpate Without byzeful it lep in his myabt Distythes paper be bothe fapre and well Propie (wynke and bis catell In a taberde be code bpon a mete There was also a Reue a che a Bollere I Sompnout and a Barbonet allo 3 Manciple and mp lette there was no mo.

The implier was a front carle for p norms
full byg he was of braume a bones
That proued well for ouer all there he came
It wrafting alway he wolde have the Kana
He was there thulbred brode a thicke quar
There was no doze p he nolde heur of the bar

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D: breake if at compinge with his beed Dis berbe as any lowe of fore was reed And there brobeias it were afpade alpon the cop right of his note be babe A wette and theron frode a tufte of beares Reed as the bullets of a lowes cares Dis nofteplies blacke were and wrbe 3 (werde and a bobeler bare be by his fybe Dis mouthe as great was as a furneps b)c was a sangeler and a goiparbeps Ind that was most of frane and bartotres Well coube be deale come and tolle thics Ind that be had a thombe of golde pacde I whyte cote and a blewe hope weared he I bagpppe coude be blowe and fowne Ind therwith be brought be out of towne.

Bentle Maciple mas there of the tiple Of which a catout might take exemple for to be tople in beeng of bytaple To; whether be papoe o; toke by tayte Migate be mapteb lo on bis achate a bat be was are beforne and in good tate Ao toe is nat that of god a tarpe grace That fuche a tembe manues mptis ( hall pace The wylebome of an bepe of temed men Ofmapflers had be mo than thate ten That were of lame experte and curious Of whiche there were a bolen in that house morthy to be fluardes of rent and lande Of any loade that is in Englande To make bem leue be bis owne good In bonout Detleller bit be mere wood Deber loue leadeto as bom lot belyse And able for to befor all thef hore In any caule that my ght fall or happe Ind pet this mancy ple let all bes cappe.

Hene there was aftender colerite man bis before is thane as nigh as he can bis beares were by his eares sounds of hore bis top was bocked tyke a preeß before full longs were his legges and full lene Lyke a ftaffe there nys no saffe plene well coude be sepe a garner and s byn There was none auditour coude of him wyn well wolf he by the drought and by the rayne The peloping of his fede and of his grepus Bis lordes thepe his neet and his depute.

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mashe' in this Roues governme and b bis couenaunt pate the tesenginge Spr', his logor was twenty pere of age The coupe no man bringe bym in acerage Chere nas bapip ne none other bone That he ne knewe his flerght of his course Thep were of bpm a blad as of the bothe this wonninge was full farge boon a bethe With grene trees (babowed was his place We coude better than his lotte purchase full tyche he was aftoped prively Dis loibe well he coude plante (ubepilp To your and leans to him of his cane good Ind baue thanke and pet a cote and an bobs in pouthe behad letted a good myftere the was a well good wright a carpentere This iseue fate bpon a well good fiet That was all pomell gray and hight Scot 3 longe furcore of Werce boon bim be babe Ino by his fobe be bace a cufty blade Of Ao; folke was this reue of whiche I tril Belode a towne men call Baldy well Tucked be was as is after, aboute And euer be rode the hynderell of the route,

sompnour with be was in that place That had a fre teed therubyus face 10; (auf deme be was wish epennaro we Hote be was and leberous as a fparo we inth blake brower faailed and pelled beade Of his bylage chylogen were a feede There has quickipluer licarge we brimdome Bojace ceruie ne ople of Cartrenors Acountement that wolle thenes and byte That him mygbe beipe of his wittes where Ac of his knobbes (purpage on his chekes Well touco be onyons garighe and lekes And for to drinke firong wyne as tred as bloos Than wolde be speke a cape as be were wode And whan he had well dionbe the write Than wolde he speke no worde but laterne A fewe termes bad be two or thre That he had lemed of fome man of decre (No wonder is for be berde it all the Day Ind the pe knowe well that a rap Can chepe thacte as well as can the pope But who coude him in other thinges grope Than had be spent all bis phylocophy Are quellio quid queris wolde be cere De was a gentle battor and a kynde

I better tebroe Chuloc Meit nat fynbe He will be full to for a quarte of wome poor frio berte baue bes concubenc Memonthers excute bem at the full full prudy stynche che coude he pull Lind afte feature where a good fela we he wolde ecche by to anone to haut awe In fache cale of the archedekenes curs But demannes Coule were in his purs for in bis purel be fluide pumpilised be Burs is the arthebetienes hell layo be But well I woterhe lyes trapt in bebe Oftatongelonght eche man to brebe for earlying well fleereight as fortping faueth 3nd allo wate bym of a fignir ficarit In Damiger bab be at his oth is gpie Ill the pange apples of the opricple Ind thewe of her countaple" was of her reeb I a scionde be had let bpon bis beed As great as it were an aleftabe I bonder bab he made bpm of a cake

Ith hom there cobe agentle Barbonice Of Boicpuble his frebe a bis compete That Arcight was come to the court of Konie full loude be longe come bother loue to me This Comprout bate to bpm a fipfic burboun albas neuer trompe of halfe fo great a foun This pardence had hear as pelowe as were Ind Imothe schong as bothe a Croke of flere Bp bounfes bringe bis lockes that he bab 3nd cherauth bis (bulders over fp; ad But than it lay by culpous one and one In botte for rolpte weated be none for mastentes bp m his walet Byrn thought be code boon the newe get Diffbearibe face his cappe be robe all bare Ducke glarping epen had be as hath an bare 3 bemade had be lowed byon his cappe Dis water befame homibab be in his lappe 23; este full of parton come fro Kome all bote I borce be bab/as anale as bath a gote Do berbe an beine neuer fhulbe baue As (mothe was it as it wete newe f baue Tecome be were a geldonge of a mate But of be 3 crafte from Berweke buto thare Aswas there nowhere furhe a parbonere for in his malethe had a pylo we bere echethet he fapo / was our labres berle clayo behad a gobet of the laple

That (avnt Befet bab/tobanchat be went Upon the feeirpil Jelu Cepft bym bent We had a croffe flaton futl of dones 3nd in a glaifeibe hab pygges bones But with thefe relyques whan that be fonde 3 poore person/Dwellpng bpon londe Tipon a otp/be gate bpm more monep Than the person gate in monethes twep 3nd thus had be fapned datectes & tapes Sic made the perion and the people his apes But trewly to tell at the last De was in chyache an noble ecclefpaft Well coube be rebe a letton or a flozy But aloccbeft he longe an offcetory for well he woll whan that longe was longe He must precherand fole a whole bis tonge To wpnne (pluet as be full well coube Therfore be fonge/the merterly and loude Dib haue I tolo pou ( boxtp ma daufe The frate the acap the nobre a the caule Why that attembled was this company In Southwerkelat this gentle bottelepe That hoght the Taberde fast by the Bell But nowe is tome to pou for to tell Flow: that we bare be that ilke mount When that we were in the bolter a leght 3nd after well I tell of our brage And all the remensunt of our prigrunage Butfrift I pou prapi of pour curtefpe That pe he arecte it nat my belonge Though that I playnly (peke in this matere To tell pourper wordes and ber chere and though [peke bet wordes properly for this ye knowe as well as ? 10bo fbail a tale tell after a man Me muft reberce as nere as be can Curry worde if it bein bis charge Ill (peke be never lo rubely and lo large Di els he muft tell bis tale batrebe Di lap thonges loi fepne wordes ne me De map nat (pare although be were bis brobes De mote as well lap o moide as another Croft fpake hom felfe full brobe m bolp wit Ind well pe wote/no bylanp is it Che Blato Canthe who Co can it pebe The worde must be coipn to the Debe Allo I prap pou forpeue et me All though I fet nat folkein ber begre b) ere in thele tales as they (bulbe france 2139 wet it (hoste/pe map well biberftande.

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Keat chese made ous holt to be cchone And to Couper let be by anone Referred be with bytarie as the beft Stronge was the wouels west brinke be lpft Blemely man our boffe was withall for to be a mast ball un alordes ball Harge man be was with even flepe Tapter bargers is there none in chepe Bolde of his (pechera well was ytaught Ind of manbode larked be sight naught Che thereo was be right a mery man Ind after (ouper to playen be began . Ind fpake of mpathe amonge other thenges Whan that we had made our rekenynges Delayd thus nowe losdynges trewly pebe to me epatt welcome bettelp for by my trouthe if I Chall nacipe Ilawe nat this pere lo mery a companye at ones in this herbere we as no we sayne wolde I do you my the is I want howe and of a mpithe fam right nowe bethought Co bo you cafe and it Chall coft you nought Pego to Caunterbury warde god you fpede The bipf full marty; quyte you pour mede Ind well pe wote as pe go by the way pelhapen pou to talke and to plap fortrewly comforte ne mpathe is none Cotpoe by the war bombe as a flone and therfore well I make you bupo;te

As I lard cell and bo you comforte Ind if it leacth you all by one affem To: to ftande at mp sugement Ind for to werbe as I ( ball you fap To moto we what we evden on the way Rowe by my father foule that is berd But pe be merp [ ] Chall peue poump beeb Holde by your hande, without more specie Dur countapte ( balt nat longs be to leche tis thought it was not worth to make be wiff And graunted by m without more auple And bad bein fay his becopt as hom loft Lordynges of he nowe berkeneth for the bell Buttake it nat I prap pou indistagne This is the pointe to speke us bonce a playing That eche of you to Chorte with your wey In this brace Chall tell cales twee To Caunterbury warde I meane it fo Ind homwarde be Chall tell other tales two Of auchtures that whylom bane befall 3nd whiche of you beareth him belt of all That is to fap that telleth in this cafe Tales of bell fentence and mafte folace Shall have a fouper of our alther coft Dete in this place lyttynge by this poll 10han that we come agen from Caunterburp And for to make pour the more mere well my felfe goodly with you troe Litght at myn owne coft and be your groe

#### Che protoge

Int who that well my incoment with ay Shoulp fall pap all that is fpent by the way Tell me anone / without wordes mo 3nd I well esty (bape me thertoge This theng was graunced and other I wore That he wolde bouchelaufe that it be lo End that he wolde be our gourenour and of our tales tage and reportous Ind let a louperat a certarne price Inb molbe be remied at his Deupce De be accorded to his sugement Ind therbood the topne was fet anone The branke and to refte went we echone Dithout any lenger taryenge Imojowe whan the day ganfpimge Wip role our bofte and mas all our cocke 3nd gabied be togpther all in a flocke Ind forthe we erben trtell more than pass Zinto the waterprige of laynt Thomas Ind there our botte gan bis boxe acett Ind fand barkemert lozopnges if pelpft re wore purfatwarbeland & pourtecorbe If euphlonge and mo some longe acoste Let (e hower who ( ball tell the frift tale 35 cuer more I bunke wome of ale Tobo (a woll be rebell to my migeneut Shall pap for all that is by the way ipent,

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Die baethe cut/opthatpe facther tippe lbbrebe (ball the firt tale begyn by; hapabe quob beimp matter a rap lozbe Aome Diamert cut fot dat is mpne acoibe Comety byther quod be my laby priorelle Ind pe (p; clerke/let be pour [ bamefaffneffe Ac findy natilay on bande cuery man Inone to Diamen euerp wpght began Ind (bostelp to tell as it was Were it by aventuce togrune og caas The lothe is this the cut fell on the knight Of whiche full birthe a glad to euerp wraht Ind tell be muft as it was reafon By for warde and by composition As pe baue berbe what nebeth wordes mo Ind whan this good man lawe that it was fo Is be that was well and oberent Co kepe bes formarde by biste affent Defapt Cythnelle Tiball begen the game What welcome be cut a gobbes nanie Aator let be cobers berben what I (an 3nd with that worde we spoen forth our bar 3nd be began with coats a meer chete and lapb anone bes tale as pel buti bere.

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#### The knightes ti

## E here begynneth the knyghtes tale.



bylom/as olde frozies telleth vs w There was a duke that hyghe Thefeus Of Thebes be was loibe eronernour 3nd in his tyme luche a conquerour That greatter was there none! bnber the fon full many a tyche countre had be won 10hat with bis wplebom and chiualep De conqueret all the reigne of femeny That whylom was cleped Lithea And webbeb the puene Tpolita Ind brought ber bome in to his countre With moche glopie and folemnete And eke ber pong fufter Genely Ind thus with victory and melody Let I thes worthy buke to Athenes tybe And all his book in armes bym belybe And certelle if it nece to long to here . I wolde have tolde fully the matere Howe won was the reigne of femeny By Theleus and by his cheualry

Ind of gegreat bataple for the nones
Bitw et Athenes and Amalones
And howe belieged was Ipolyta
The tappe hardy quene of Cithea
And of the feelt that was at her weddyng
And of the tempelt at her home compng
But all that thyng: I more as nowe forbeare
I have god wote a large filde to eare
And weake ben the oren in the plowe
The remnaunt of my tale is long phowe
I wyll nat letter the none of this tout
Let every felower tell his tale about
And let be se nowe who shall the supper wyn
And there I laste I wyll agagne begyn.

Dis buke of whom I make mencione ubban be was come almoft to towne In ail bis welth and bis molt parbe He was ware as be call his epe afroe Where that there kneled in the high war 3 company of ladges twey and rucy Che after other I clabbe in clothes Hake But luche a crue and luche a wo they make That in this worlde nes creature frueng Coat berbe luche another warmenting Ind of this cree they nolde neuer frenten Tril they the ternes of his bridell bentyn Tubar folke be per that at my achomic company Derturbento my feeft with cryeng Quod Thefeus: Daue pe lo great enup of myne bonour that thus coplarme and cere D: who bath rou mil boben o: offended Ind tell me if it may be amended Ino why that pe be clother thus m blake The oldest lady of them all spake 10ban (be bad (woned with a deedly chete That it was ruthe to le and to bere she fard loide : to whom fortune bath reut Clictory: Ind as a conquerour to brue Aought greueth be pol glote & rour bonout But we befeke you of mercy and focour Daue mercy on bur too and diffreffe Some Diope of price thiough the gentelnede Tipon be weetched women let nowe fall for certelle lorde : there is none of be all Char Chene bach be a bucheffe o: a quene Aomebe De captiffes as it is metelene Thanked be fortune and ber falle mbele That none effate enfureth to be mele Aome certelle logde : to abpde pour prefence

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Pere in this Cemples of the goddes clemence The have be wapting all this fourthnight Aome betpe be lozdes lith it leeth in the might

I weetche! whiche p wepe and wayle thus 10 bytom worke to kong Campancus That frart at Thebes a curfed bethat day Ind all we that ben in this accap Ind make all dis lamentacione we lotten all our bul bandes at that towns Iphyles that the frege there about lay Ind pet nowe the olde Creon welawap That lozde is nowe of Thebes that cyte fulfylled of yee and iniquite De for balopte and for his tyranny To Done the Deed bodyes billany of all our lozdes whiche that ben Clawe Path all the bodyes on an beape phrawe Ind wyll nat fuffec bem by none affent Aerther to be burged ne to be beent But maketh houndes to eate hemandilpy te And with that worde without more respete They fallen grouelyng and crye pitoully Daue on be weetched women Come merce Ind tet our Cozowe (pnke in thene bert This gentyll buke of his courfer ftert 1bith bert pprous whan he berde bem fpeke pm thought his hert wolde bicke Toban be lawe bem lo prous and lo mate That whylom were of lo great effate and in his armes be hem all by hent 360 bem conforted in full good entent Ind (woze his othe) as he was teewe anyght De wolde do fo farfaithe his impaht Zipon the tytaunt Ctcon bym to wicke That all the people of Grece Chulde Speke Dowe Creon was of Theleus plerued As he that hath his Dethe wele Deferued Ind right anone withouten moje abobe Dis baner be displayed and forthe he robe To Thebes warde, and all his hooft befree Ao nere Athenes nolde he gone tyde Attake bis cale nat fully halfe a bay But on his wage that night he lap Ind Cent anone | Ipolpta the quene And Emely bet ponge lufter Chene Zinto the towner of Ithenes to bwell Ind forthe be ry beth there is no more to tell.

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#### Cheknightes te

Ind what this worthy duke had thus done
De toke his hood! and home he gothe anone
With Laurer crowned! as a conquerour
And there he ipueth in tope and in honour
Cerme of his lyfe! what neverh wordes mo
But in a towie! in anguylf he and with wo
welleth palamon! and his felorie Arcite
for evermore! there may no golde hem quite.

Thus paffed perc by perciand day by day Tyll it befell ones/in a moznyng of Day That Emely that faprer was to lene Than is the Lylle, byon the stalke grene And freff her than Map/with doutes newe for with the Role colour from ber bewe I nat whiche was the the fapzer of bem two Ere it was bap as was ber wont to bo She was arplen and all reop bight for May well have no Clogarde a neght The lealon picketh every gentell here And maketh bym out of his flepe to fret Ind faithe apple: and bo thene oblerdaunces This maketh Emely to have rememb; aunces To be honour to ABap and for to tple I clothed freshe was the to deuple Het pelowe beer was bropded on a treffe Schonde ber backe/a longe parde I gelle 3nd in the garbenne at the forme bprifte She walked up and downe: and as her lyfte She gabzed doures parte whyte and reco To make a subtell chapelet for her beco And as an aungelt beuenly (be longe The great toure that was to thicke & ftronge Whiche of the castell was the chiete bungeon There as the knyghtes were in pulon Of whiche I tolde you and tell [hall Was eupn topnaunt to the garben wall There as this Emely had ber pleveng Bright was the Conner and cleve that morning And Palamonithis wofull puloner Is was his wone by leave of his gapler was tpfen: a commed in the chambre on high In whiche all the noble crite he lorth and the the garben full of braunches grene There as this feel be Emely the Chene Was in her walker and comed up and downs This lozoufull priloner this Palamon Sothe in the chamble towning to and fro and to hom Celue/complaymed of his wo That he was bome full ofte he layo alas

Indfo' .ipil/by auenture and caas That yough a wyndow thyck of many a bar Ofp on great and quare as any (parte De all bis epen bpon Cmeipa And therwith he blene and cryeb ala As though he were frongen to the bert Ind with that cryc: Arcyte anone bo fters And layor colpn myne what apleth the That arte lo pale and beebly on to le Why cryeft thou who hath do the offence for goodes love take all in pacience Our pulon: for it map none other be fortune bath pene be this advertite Di els fome wycheb afpecte oi bupofpeion Of Saturne: Splome conftellacion Dath your be this all though we had frome So ftode the Deuen whan we wete bome We muft endure this is the (botte and plann This Dalamon answerd and sapo agapa Colon foxothe of this opymon Thou hafte a beyn ymaginacion This pullon cauleth me nat to cree But I was hurt nowe through men ere Zinto mp bette that well mp bane be The farmelle of a laop that I le pondie in the gardeyn towning to and fro Is cause of my creenquand my wo I not whether the be woman or goodelle But Clonus it is fothelp as Tacile Ind therwithall on knees Downe be fell And land Umus if it be the well you in this gardern thus to transfroure Before me foroufull wrettebe the creature Dut of this prilon belpe that we mare la ape Ind if it be our bestenve lo belbane By eterne worde to dre in pulon Dfour lynage baue some compast pon That is fo lowe phiought by tyranipe Ind with that worde Erepte gan dope Where as the laby went to and fro 3nd with that leght ber beaute burte bem lo That if Palamon were wounded fore Arcere is burt as moche as be or more Ind with a fret be land peroully The freithe beaute me leech lobente of her that rometh in the ponder place Ind but I baue ber mercy and ber grace That I map le ber actbe lefte war I am but deed there is no more to fap.

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Pere in this Cemple, of the goddes clemence the have be warting all this fourthright Aowe helpe be lope (lith at leth in the might

I wzetche/ whiche p wepe and waple thus Whylom worke to king Campaneus That Garft at Thebes a curfeb bethat Day Ind all we that ben in this accap Ind make all this lamentacione 10c lotten all our bul bandes at that towne Whyles that the frege there about lay Ind pet nome the olde Creon welawap That loade is nowe of Thebes that cyte fulfylled of pic and iniquite De fo: belopte and fo; his tyranny To bone the beed bodges billang of all our lozdes whiche that ben (lawe Path all the boopes on an heape polawe Ind well nat fuffre bem by none affent Aepther to be burged ne to be brent But maketh boundes to eate hemandupte And with that worde | without more respete They fallen grouelyng and crye pitoufly Daue on be wretched women lome mercy Ind let our fozowe fpnke in thyne hert This gentyll buke of his courfer feet With bert pptous whan be berde bem fpeke Dym thought his hert wolde bicke Tohan be lawe bem/lo prtous and lo mate That whylom were of lo great effate and in his armes he hem all by hent Ind bem conforted in full good entent Ind (wore his othe) as he was teeme anyght De wolde do fo farfaithe his inpaht Zipon the tyraunt Creon/hym to wieke That all the people of Grece (hulde fpeke Dowe Creon was of Theleus plerued As he that hath his bethe wele descrued Ind right anone withouten moze abode Dis baner be diplayed and forthe he cobe To Thebes warde and all his hooft belpte Ronere Athenes nolde he gone ty De Actake his cale nat fully halfe a bay But on his wape that night he lay Ind Cent anone I polpta the quene And Emely bet ponge lufter Chene Linto the towner of Athenes to dwell and forthe be ry Dethi there is no more to tell.

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welleth Palamon and his felowe Accite
for successore there may no golde hem quite.

Thus paffed pere by pereland hay by day Tyli it befell ones/in a morning of Day That Emely that fapzer was to fene Than is the Lylle, boon the stalke grene And frest her than Map with floures newe for with the Role colour froue ber bewe I nat whiche was the the fapzer of hem two Ere it was bap as was ber wont to bo She was arplen and all redy bight for Day well baue no Clogarde annabe The feafon picketh euery gentyll hers And maketh bym out of his Clepe to ftert Ind laithe apple: and do thone oblerdaunces This maketh Emely to have rememb, aunces To be honour to Bap and for to tple Idothed freit be was (be to beuple Her pelowe beer was bropbed on a treffe Behonde ber backe/alonge parde I geile 3nd in the garbenne at the lonne builte She walked by and downe: and as ber lyfte She gabied dource parte whyte and reed To make a subtell chapelet for her beco Ind as an aungeit beuenly the longe The great toute that was to thicke & ftronge Whiche of the castell was the chiefe bungeon There as the knowhtes were in pulon Of whiche I tolde pou and tell [hall Was cupn topnaunt to the garben wall There as this Emely had ber pleyeng Bright was the Conneland cleve that morning and Palamonithis wofull pruoner As was bes worse by leave of his gayler Was tylen: A rowmed in the chamble on high In whiche all the noble cycle be lepth Ind eke the garben full of braunches grene There as this feelibe Emely the Chene Was in her walker and romed by and bowne This lozoufull priloner this Palamon Gothe in the chambie rowinging to ano fro and to hym Celue/complayned of his wo That he was borne full ofte he lay dalas

Indfr Jefyll by auenture and caas That through a wyndow thyck of many a bat Of con great and fquare as any (parce De caft his epen bpon Emetpa And therwith he blent and cryeb ala As though he were frongen to the bert And with that crpe: Brepte anone bo ftert And land colon mone what apleth the That arte lo pale and beebly on to le Why cryell thou who hath do the offence for goddes loue take all in vacience Out pulon: for it map none other be fortune bath pene be this abuerforte Di els fome wpched afpecte of bufpofpeion Df Saturne: By forme conftellacion b) ath your be this all though we had frome So fobe the Deuen whan we wete boine We must endure this is the (botte and plann This Palamon answerd and sapp agapn Colynifoxfothe of this opymon Thou hafte a beyn pmaginacion This prilon cauleth me natio cros But I was hurt nowe through myn sye Unto mp bette that well mp bane be The farmelle of a lady that I fe pondie in the gardeyn to winging to and fro Is cause of my cepeng, and my bo I not whether the be woman or goodelle But Elenus it is fothely as T gelle 3nd therwithall on knees downe be foll And land Tenus if it be the well you in this gardenn thus to trans froute Before me foroufull wretche the creature Dut of this puton belpe that we mare lape Ind if it be our beftenpe lo belbane By eterne worde to bre in pulon Dfour irnage baue lome compaffron That is folower phiought by treampe 300 with that worde Ercete gan cipre Where ag the laby went to and fro 3nd with that leght her beaute but te bemlo That if Palamon were wounded fore Arcete is burt as moche as he o: moze And with a frat be lard proude The frefthe beaute me fleeth fodenie of her that rometh in the pender place Ind but I baue ber mercy and ber grace That I map fe ber at the lefte war am but beed there is no more to lap.

#### The kinightes fale

Dis Balamoi whan be thefe boot best Bilpiteoully be loketh! and aumfwerb ubbetber lapelt thou this in ceneft of m Aap quod Breite im erneft by my fay (plap God beide niefor I tuft full lytell to pley This Belamon | gan knytte his blowes twey It were quod be to the no great henouse Toz to be falle me for to be a traptoure To me that am thy co(pn) and thy brother piwome full Depeland eche of be to other That neuer for to byen in the payne Tell that the Dethe Departe Chall by twayne Reyther of be in love to hyndie other Aem none other cafe imp leue brother And that thou (bulbelt truely forther me an every cale as T (bul De forther the This wasthen othe and men certeen I wote it wele thou barft it nat withfayn Thus art thou of my countable without bout Ind nowe thou woldeft fallely be about To love my lady whome I love and ferue Ind cuer Chall tyll that mone berte fterue Aour certes fals Arcite/thou (balt natfo I loued her first and tolde the my wo Is to my countaple/and to my brother (worke To forther me as I have tolde byforne for whiche thou atte bounden as a knyght To beloe me if it lap inthy myabt D: els arte thou fals | Dare well feyn This accute full proudely (pake ageyn Thoufhalte quob beibe rarber fals than 7 But thou acce fals I tell the beterly for paramout | loued bet first ere thou What witte blagent thou willeft nat pet nowe Whether the be a woman or a goddeffe Thone is affection of beipneile and mone is loueras to a creature To: whiche I tolde the nipne auenture As to my colyn and my brother (worne T Cuppole thou louedelt her byforne Brotest thounat well the olde clerkes lawe That who Chall peue a louer any lawe Loue is a greater la welby my panne Than may be peue of any ecthip man Ind therfore polityfe la we and luche becte Is broken all Day for lour in che begre I man muft nebes loue magre his heed De may nat de certhough helbuloe be beeb all be the mapde wpdowe or wrfe Ind the it is not likely all thy lyfe

To Cande in her araceino more Chall 3 for well thou wottell the felfe bereip That thou and I be dampned to pation. Derpetually: be garneth no raunfon we strong as opd the houndes for the bone They faught all day it pet her parte was none There came a curre whyle they were to worth Ind bare away the bone/bytwirte bem both and therfore at the konges court my brother Cche man for him Celue there is none other Lone if thou lyth for I love and are Chall And fothly lyeft brother this is all Dere in this pulon mult we endure Ind every of by take his aventure Great was the ftrife a longe why wur bem twey If that I had lepler for to lan But to the effecte it happed an a bay To tell it poul bottly as Triap.

Worthy Duke that hight Barotheus That felowe was to duke Theleus South thilk Dap ip they were childie litte Toas come to Athenes bis felowe to befite And for to play as be was wont to bo for in this worlde be loued no man lo And be loued bym/as tenderly agaphe to well they loued as olde bokes farme That whan one was deed fotbly to tell his felowe went a fought bym downe in hell But of that ftozp/lpft me nat to endite Duke Warotheus/loued well Arcite and had him knows at Thebes pere by pere Ind finally at the request and prapere Of Darotheus/without any raunfon Duke Theleus let bim out of pulon Trely to go where bum lpft ouer all In luche a guple as I pou tell Chall This was the formarde playnly to cmo.te Berwerte duke Theleus and bem Arcite That if lo were that Arcite were founde Cuer inhis ipfe/by dap of by flounde In any countre of this buke Thefeus Ind he were caught: It was accorned thus That with a (worde he Chulde lefe his hede There was none other remedy ne rede But taketh his leave / 4 whomwarde him fped Let bim beware/bis necke lieth to web

howe great lozowe nowe luffreth Arcite
his bethe he feleth through his herte lmpts
he wepeth wayleth and ceyeth pytoully

#### The knightes to

To flee hom felue he wapted princip De laid alas the day that I was borne Aowe is my person worke than byforne Aowe is me Chapen eternally to bwell Aat in purgatory but in hell Alas that ever knewe I Parotheus for elles had I owell with Theleug pfetred in his pulon euer mo Than had I be meale and nat in wo Only the lyght of her/ whome that I ferue Though that I neuer her grace map beferbe Wolde haue luffpled right pnowe fo; me D dere colpn Palamon quod he Thyne is the bictory of this aventure full blif full in parfon mapft thou enduce In pulon: nay certeffe but in parabple Well bath fortune to the turned the ople That halte the fratt of her and I thablence for postible it is littiges thou haste her prefece And arte a knyabt a worthy man and able That by some case sithe fortune is changeable Thou maple Comtyme to thy Delpze atteput But I that am expled and barrepne Dfall grace and to in great disperse That there nps water erthe free ne eye Ac creature that of hem maked is That map me beate or bo comfort in this Well ought I fterue in wanhope and diffreste farewele my lyfe/my luft and my gladnelle Has why playnen men to in comune On puruepaunce of god oz of fortune That peueth Jem ofte in many wyfe Well better than hemfelfe can beurfe Some men belyze to have richeffe That caufe is of murbie of great fickenelle Ind Come man wolde out of his pullor fague. That in his house of his merny is flagne Infingte barmes be in this matere We wote nat what thynge we play here We faren as he that Droube is as a moule 3 bronken man/wote well be bath an boule But he wote nati which is pright way theore and to a bronken man the way is flydder And cettes in this worlde to fare we Welcken falte after felpeite But we go wronge full offe truck This map we fay all: and namely That wende have had a great opungen That and I might scape out of pulon Chan had I be in top and in partite heale

There owe fam expled fromp beale Sith is map nat le pou emelp ne am but beed there is no cemeby 7 .pon that other fode Palamon Whan that he wyste Accite was gon Suche forowe maketh that the great toute liclouned of his pellpingt and clamoure The pure fetters on his thonnes great Were of his bytter falte teares weate Mas quod be Arcite colpampae Of all our ftepte god wote o frute is thone Thou walkest nowe in Thebes at the large And of my wo thou peueft letell charge Thou mapft far thou haft wilcomer manhed Affemble all the folke of our konced Ind make warre to flyarpe in this fountre That by Come auenture o; by Cometreate Choumapelt haue ber to lady to worte for whome I mult nedes lefe my lofe for as by waye of pollibilite Sythnes thou arte at large of pulon fre Ino arte alo: De great is this auauntage More than is mone that feetue here in a case for I may were and warle whyles I loue With all the wo that prison map me youe And the with pepne that love me veueth alea That doubleth all my tourment, and my wo Therwith the frie of reloulee up ferce Within his beeft and bent him to the berte So wodely that he lykely was 's beholde The bore tre o: allven deed or colde Chat lapb (e: O cruell goddelles that gouerne The worlde mbyndyng of your worde et etac 3nd writen in the table of the Ishamane pour parlement and your eterne grant What is mankynde more baco you bolde Than is the thepe that rouketh in the folde fo: Clapne is man lobe as an ocher beeft And dwelleth eke in pulon and in areed Ind bath lyckneile and great aductive Ind ofte tyme geleleffe parde What governall is in this prescience That gyltelelle toutmenteth innocence Ind per encreafeth this ail my penaunce That man is bounde to his observaunce for goodes lake to letten of his well There as a beeft may all his luft fulfell Ind whan a beeft is deed he bath no payne And after his dethe man may wepe a planne Though in this worlde be have care and wo

Thichout boute ti map france le The answere of this let I to beupnes But well I weterm this worlde great pyne is Mlasi Tle & Carpent oz a thefe That many a true man hath do mylchefe Cone at bis large / where him lou map turne But I mud be in pilouithiough Saturne And through him bnbappp it che wobe That isth diffroped well night all p blode Of Thebes: with his wall walles wroc Bud Elenus fleeth mer in that other Cybe for scloulpe and feare of him Accite Rowe well I fight of Palamon airte Ind let bim in bis prilon fril Dwell And of Arcite forthe I woll poutell The Comer palled the nightes waren longe Encrealeth be bouble wifeithe papnes ftronge Bothe of the lover and of the puloner Ine wote who bath the wofuller mpfter forthortly to lapithis Balamon Despetually is dampned to pulon in chepnes and in fetters to be deed And Accite is expled on his beed To cuet more as out of that countre To: neuer mo Chali be bis laby le pou louers alke I nowe this queltion 10ho hath the worfe of Accite o; Walamon That one may le his lady day by nap But in pition must be dwell alway That other where him loft may tobe of go But le big lady Chall be neuer mo Rowe bemeth as pe lpft pe that can for I well tell forthelas I began When that Accite to Thebes come was full offea day be [welt and lay dalas for fe bis lady fhall be neuer mo And Chordy to conclude all his too So moche Colowe ne hath creature That is or Chall be whole o worlde map dure Dis (leve his meat his Drinke is him betafte That leane he ware to dipe as is a Chafte Disepenbolowe and grifty to beholde Dis bewe lalowe and pale as allen colde Ind folytarp be was and cuer a lone Ind wapling all the night making his mone And if he berde longe to; infteument Than wolde be wegie be might nat ftent so feble were his frieptes and fo lowe Ind changed to that roman coulde knowe Dis speche ne his borce though men it herde

As in his apreifor all the worlde it feeds Aought onelp lyke the louces malaby Of Deceos but tather plake to many Engenbied of humour malancolphe Beforne in his Cell fantaftphe Ind Chozely tourned all by to downe Bothe hatyte and disposicione Ofhymithis wofull louer ban Arcite what (hulde I of his worall day endyte Whan he endured had a pere or two This cruell tourment this payne and wo It Thebes in his countre as I lapbe Upon a night inflepe as him layde Dym thought howe y wrnged Mercury Byforne him Roberand badde hym be mery Dis (lepp perde be bare in hande bp right An hat he weared bpon his beeres bright arrayed was this god as he toke kepe As he was whan Argus toke his Chepe. And faid him thus to Athenes thou thalt wede There is the Chape of the wo an ende Ind with that worder Accite awoke & fterte Aowearuely howe fore that me linerte Quod he to Ithenes well I face Ae forno brede of Dethe Chall Tipare Toft my laby that I loue and fecue In her prefence recke I nat to Berue And with that worde be caught amprour And lawe that chaunged was his colour Ind fame his bifage all in a nother konde Ind right anone it ran bim in gis mynde That lythen his face was lo du frauted Ofmalaby the whiche he had endured De might Well if that be bate hom lowe Lyue in Athenes/eucr moze buknowe Ino le his lady well night bay by day Ind right anone/he chaunged his acrap Ind cladde him as a poore labouter And alone laue onely apoope lauper That knewe his priupte and all his caas Whiche was bugurfed pourly as he was To Athenes is he gone the next wap And to the courte/he went bpon a dap And at the gate be profered his ferupce To Dauge & Drame / & what men wolde beuple And Chostly of this mater for to fayne De fell in office towarde a chamberlarne The whiche that was owelling with Emely for he was wife and well coude afpre Of every leruaunt/whiche that lerued there

#### The anightes tal

well coulde he bewe wode and water beare for he was ponge and mighty for the noncs Ind therto he was ftronge toigge of bones To bo that any wight him coude deuple 3 pere or two/he was in this feruyte Page in the chambre of Emely the bright and Whiloftrate be Capo that he hight But halfe so well a loved man as he Ae was there none in court of his degre De was fo gentle of condicpoun That through all the courte of his renoune They Capo that it were great charpte That Theleus wolde enhaunte his degre Ind put him in a woalhipfull lerupce There that he might his vertue exercyle And thus within a whyle his name fprong. Bothe of his dedes and of his good tonge That Theleus bath take hymfonere That of his chambre he made him a fquyere and paue him golde to mayntagne his degre 3nd eke men brought him out of his countre fro pere to pere full paucty his rent But boneffly and flighly the it fpent That no man wonded howe that he it ha And thre pere in this wyle his lyfe he lad and bare bom in peace and eke in werre" Athere was no man that Theleus had betre.

Ab in this blyffe let I nome Arcite 3 and fpeke Twell of Palamon alpte In Derkneffe hogrible a in ftrong pulon This feupn pere hath fptte this Delamon for price what for we and diffeelle Who feleth bouble too and heupneile But Palamon/that love diffreyneth fo That wode out of his wyt he goth to; wo and eke therto be is a prifonete Warpetuell and nat onely for a pere Who coude tyme in engly The property Dis martpzoome/foxfothe it am nat 3 Therfore I pastelas egitty as I map It fyll in that seventh perein Abap The thyrde nyghtian olde bokes fayn That all this flozy cellen moze playn Were it by auentical or Desterne As that whan a thyng is shapen it shall be That fone after the midninght Balamon By helpe of a kende broke hath his prison And fleeth the criticias (one as he may go for he had your his gapler drinke fo

Dfacla .ep/mabe of a certapne wone Within ecotifes and oppe of Thebestone That all night though men wolde him i, a. .. The gayler follepte he might nat awake Ind thus he fleetin as fall as he may The nyght was thorte and faft by the day That nedescoft he must hom setue hode And to a groue fast there bely be With Devefull fore than falketh Dalamon for though this was his opumpou That in that groue he wolde him byde all day Ind in the night than wolde he take his way To Thebes warde his frembes for to pup On Theleus to beloe him to wetter Ind Choetly erther he wolde lefe his lofe Or wonne fapre Emely butohis wofe This is the effecte and the entent planne. Aowe well Tretourne to Areite againe That lytell well bowe night was his care Tell o fortune had brought him in the fnace The mery larke mellanger of Day Salueth in her longe the motorie grap And fire Phebus refeth bolo height That all the orient/laugheth of the Graht Ind with his ftremes depeth the greues The fpluer dioppes banging on the leaues Ind Ireite that in the courte rogali With Theleus his lauper puncpoall Is then and loketh on the mero bay Indfo: to bo bis observaunce to Dan Remembring on the popule of his del pre De on his courler flatelinge as the frie Is tyben in to the feldes bym to plep Dut of the courte were it a niple of twep Ind to the groue of whiche that I you colde 23 r auenture his war he can to holde To make him a garlonde of the greues were it of wodebynde or ofhauthome leaues Ind loude be longe apenft due lonne fbene May with all thy doutes and thy grene Welcome be thou fre Me fayte Hay In hope that I some grene get map Ind fro bis courfer with a lufto berte Into the groue full haftely be d. cte And in a pathe he rowined by and bown There as by auenture this Palamon was in a builte that no man might bem le forfore aferde of his bethe was be Aothynge knewe he that this was Arritz God wore be wolde have tromed it full be

But lothe is lapo go lythen many yeres That felde bath epen and wobe hath eares It is full fapze a man to be are him eupn for all bap men meter at bufet feupn for lytell wente Arcite of his felawe That was so npghe to betken all his sawe Whan that Arcice had rowned all his fell Palamon in the builthe nowe frtteth firll 3nd Arcite Conge all the coudell luftelp Into a ftubie he fril Codapulp As Done thele louces in her quepnte geres Aowe in the croppe /4 nowe in the breres Aowe by nowe downe as boket in a well Right as the friday fothly for to tell Aome it Chyneth nowe it rayneth falt Right lo can guerry Tenus ouer caft The hertes of her folke reght as her day Is querifull: right to chaungeth the aray Selve is the friday all the weke lpho Whan that Arcite had longe be gan to lyke Ind be let him downe without any moze Alas quod be the day that I was bore Howe longe Juno through the crucke Welt thou werpen Thebes the cyte Tag phrought is to confufpon The blode royall of Cadme and Amphion of Cadmus whiche was the first man That Thebes bylte: of first the towne began And of the cytic fielt was crowned kong Of his lynage am Fland of his of fpring By vertay ipne as of the stocke topall Ind nowe Jam fo kaptife and fo theall That he that is my mortall enemy fectue him and anthis fourer pouerly Ind pet bothe me Tuno well moze Chame for I bare nat beknowe mone owne name But there as I wonte was to hight Arcite Rowehraht I Philostrate nat worth ampte Mas thou fell Mars alas thou Juno Thus pour tre bath our lynage all for do Sauc onelp me and wretched Dalamon That Theleus martreth in pulon and ouer all thus to flee me betterly Loue hath bis fpay bacte lo beennpugly Tt apeked through my true carefull herte That Chapen was erft mp beth than mp (herte pellee me with pour epen Emelp pe bethe cause wherfore that I ope Dfall the remenaunt of mpne other care Relet I natithe mountaunce of a tate

So that I coulde do aught to pour plealauce Ind with that worde be fell downe in a trauce I longe tome and afterwarde he bp fterte This Dalamon of thought through his berte De feice a coide (worde fodenly gipde for tre be quoke be nolde no lenger abyde And whan that he bath herde Arcites tale As he were wode with face deed and pale De ferte him by out of the builhe thicke And layd: Arcite falle traytour wicke Aowe arte thou hent that louelt my lady fo for whom that I have this payne and wo Ind arte my blode a to my countagle (wome Ind I full ofte haue tolde the here befome Ind half be raped here buke Thefens and fallely haft chaunged thy name thus I will be deed or els thou shalt dre Thou Chalt nat four my lady Emely But I well love her onely and no mo For Tam Dalamon thy mortall fo Ind though I have no weapen in this place But out of pulon am fert by grace Pozedenat outher thou Chalt Ope Di thou ne Chalte nat Youen Emely These which b write thou shalt nat afterte This Arcite with full dispytous herte Whan he him knewer and had his tale berde As fierle as lyon/pulled out his lwerde Indiand thus: by god that lette a boue Acre it that thou arte lyche a wode for loue Ind eke that thou no weapen halt in this place Thou (huldelt neuer out of this groue pace That thou ne (huldelt dpe of mone honde for Tochethelurety and the bonde Whiche that thou layelf I have made to the What very fole thynke that love is fre And I well love her magre all the meght But for as moche as thou arte a knyght And wrinest to darrapne here by bataple Daue here my trouthe to molowe I well nat 1bithout wetyng of any other wight (faple That here I well be founden as a knight Ind bringen harneps right pnowe for the And chefe the best /a leave the worst for me And meate & deinke this night will I being pnowe for the: and clothes for thy beddyng And if so be that thou my lady won And flee me in this woode, that I am in Thou maift well have thy laby as for me This Palamon answerder I graunt it the

#### The hinightes ta'

And thus they be Departed tell amozowe 10há cither of bem bath laid his feith to bozo to Decupped out of all charite oreigne that woldest have no felowe w the full Cothe is lapo that loue ne lozdelbyp Well nat his thankes have any felouther the tonbe thus of Accite and Dalamon Accite is tybben amone in to the to wit And on the mozowelanone of it were light full princip two barners bath be brabt Bothe Cuffpeient a mete to Darrapne The bataple in the felde bpt wirt bein twapne Ind on his horfe alone as he was bome Decacted the harneys him beforne And in the groue at tyme and place let This Arcite and this Walamon been met To thaunge gan the colour in ber face Kight as the hunters in regne of trace That Rondeth at the gappe with a speare Whan hunted is the ly enland the beate And hereth hom come cullbonge in the arcues And breketh bothe bothes and electenes and thinketh/bere cometh mp mortalt memp Without faple/be muft be beed of forepther I muft (lee him at gappe Di bemut flee meit I mylle happe so farben they in changinge of her hewe As ferre as any of hem other knewe There nas no good day ne faluyng But Areight without wordes of reperlyng Cueriche of hem belpeth to arme other As frendly/as be were his owne bother and after that with Charpe speares fronge They forred eche at other wonder lange Thou mpatted wene that this Palamon In his fratting were a wode from And as a cruell tygre was Arcite As wylde bozes gan they togy der lmyte Chat froten whyte as fome for ire wode Mip to the ancie fought thep in her blode In our sints wple | I let hem fyghtyng owell and forlother I well of Theleus you tell The destenp mpnistre generall That executeth in the worlde ouer all The puruepauce that god hath feen byforne so frange it is that though the wo:loc hath The contrary of a thing by ye of nay (Twoine pet fomtyme it Chall fall byon a bay That falleth nat chem a thoulande pere For certapuly our appetites here

28e it of cacethate warre los loue All ist . when by the fraise about This meane I nowerby myghey Chilens The for to bunte is to Deficous Ind namely lat the great bert in Day That in his bed there baweth hom no bas That he nys dab and reby fouto tybe With hunte and home a houndeshim befroe fo; in his huntyng hathhe luche belite That it is all his top and his apporpte To be himfelue the great hartes bane for after Mars the letucth nome Dpane Clere was the Daplas Thave tolor or this And Thefeus with all top and blus With his Tpolitaithe farte quene Ind Emely pelothed all in grene In huntynge ben thep epoden craily Ind to the grouesthat flove there fast by In which there was anthert as men him tolde Duke Theleus the Arcegine was hatti holde Ind to the lande he ry deth full regit for the der was the here wor to have his flight. And ouer a broke and to forth ou his may The buke toolde baue a cours of hym alt way With boundes (liche as he left to comannoe And when this duke was come to the lauribe Tinber the fonne be loked and that anon De was ware of Ircute and Palamon That foughten beime as it were bulles tho The bright sweedes went to and fro so by doully that with the left frose De femed that it wolde haue felled an oke But what they were nothing e he ne wore This duke with his spucies his courter smote And at a flatte be was betwert bem two And pulled out his (werde and lapo bo Aomore on papie of lefpinge of pour beed Br mighty Dargianone he (hall be deed That (mpteth any Broke that I may le But telleth mel what impfter men be pe That ben fo bardy to fraht bere Without any inge of other officere As though it were in lyftes epally This Palamon and werde halfelp And fard fir: what neverb wordes mo We have the bethe beferued bothe two Two wofull weetches be we two captrices That ben encombied of our owne loues Ind as chou arte a rightfull lorde and inge Ae peue vo neyther mercy ne refuge

But flee me fysit/faz Capit chatpte But let my felo we eke as well as me Daller byerfiel forthough & knowe bim frte De is the mostall foe this is 30 yee That fru the lande was bany theo orthis beed To, whethe be hath befrened to be beed for this is beithat came to the pace Han Caphithat be bight Phylottrate Thus be bath taped the full many a peer Ind thou ball made bym the chiefe (quece 3nd this is be that loueth @melpe for (primes the day is come that I Chall bre I make playnip my confellpon That I am that worted Dalamon That hath thy pulon broke topckebly am the mortali foe: and be am 1 That loueth to bote Emely the bright That I well bee bereipzelent in ber fraht Therfore I are betherofing temple But flee mp felowe in the fame wyle for bothe have we defecued to be Clapne

his worthy bute answered anon agayne and land this is alborte conclulpon your awarmouthe by your confession Dath parmoned pour and I well it recorde It nebeth nat to pepne you with the corde pe Chall be deed by myghtp Bars the rede The quene anone/for berp womanbebe Gan to weperand to byb @melp Ind all the ladges in that company Steat pytie was as bem thought all That eucr luche a chaunce (bulbe befall for gentlemen they, were and of great effate Ind nothing but for love was this Debate Ind lawe ber blody woundes worde and loze Ind all cryben/bothe laffe and moze Daue merce lozder bpon bs women all Ind on her bare knees bowne they fall Ind wolde haue byft big feter there as be flobe Tpli at the latt (leked was his mode for price cenneth Cone in gentle bette and though be firtt for tre quoke and fterte De confidzed Choatipin a claufe The trefpas of bem bothe and eke the caufe and all though that his ire ber gilt accused per mbis ceason be hem bothe excused As thus be thought well/that every man World beine bim Celfe in loue as be can and belyues bim felue out of palon

And the in his best/ be bad compation Of women/farther were ever in one And in his gentle bett/be thought anone Ind Cofte bato bem felue belapo fp Tipon a lozde/that well have no merce But be a lyon bothe in worde and bede To hem that ben in repentaunce and brede As wele as a proude offpitous man That well mayntagnes that be fire began That losbe bath levell of difference That in luche a cale canno opulion But trepeth paide & hunibleneffe after one And Chuztly whan his ite is thus agone De gan to loke on bim | With epen biake a bay And (pake thele wordes all un tre The god of loue:a benedicite Dowe imabipiand howe great a loade is he Spenft her might there gapneth i'one obstade De map be cleped a god/tozhis myzacle for be can make at bis owne gurle Of euery berte as him lyft deuple Lo here this Arcite and this Balamon That quepntly came out of my pation And might have lyued in Thebes copally and knowen that am bet moztall enemy Indichat bet bethe lieth in my might allo And yet bath loue/maugre her epen two Brought hem byther bothe for to bye Aowe lokethis nat this an lead folye Who may be a fole/but if that he loue Beholde for goddes lake that ipteth aboue Se howe they blede be they nat well arapde Thus hath ber lorder & god of loue bem payor Der wages and ber fees of ber feruice And pet they wene for to be full wife That ferue loue for ought that may fall But this is pet! the best game of all That the for whome they have this tolite Can hem therfore as moche thanke as me She wore nomoze of all this bote fare By god/than wote a cuckowe of an bare But all must be allayed hote or colde I man muft be a fole/ponge oz olbe I wote it by my lelue full longe agone for in mp tpine/a lecuaunt was I one And therfore lethnes I knowe of loves paper And more bowe loze it can a man biftrapne As he that bath be caught in this lace pou fozpene all boly this trefpace Ind at request of the quene that bneleth bere

#### The knightes tal

Ind eke of Emely/my lufter dere
Ind pe shall bothe anone buto me swere
That never mo/pe shall my countrey dere
Remake warre on me/nyght ne day
But be my frendes/in all that pe map
I you forpeue/ this trespas energoele
Ind they hyms ware/his aryng fayre i wele
Ind hym of lordeshyp/and mercy prayde
Lid he hem graunted/and thus he sayde.

O speke of worthy lynage and tychesse Though of the were a quene of a prins Cche of you bothe is worthy boutles To wedde whan tyme is but natheles I spekel as for my splet Emely for whome pe have this arpfe this icloufy ye wote your felfe pe may nat webbe two At ones though pe fraht euer mo That one of you all be hym lothe og lefe De mot go pype/in an pue lefe whis is to lap the map nat have bothe All be pe neuer to toloufe and to lothe Ind forthp | I you put in this degre That eche of you shall have his bestane As hym is Chapen and harken in what wyle Lo here pour ende of that I Chall ocuple My wyll is this for plat conclusion Without any more replycacion If that you lyketh take it for the befte That energene of you shall go where him lyft frely without taunsome or daungere And this dap fyfty weres ferrene vere Euerpche of pou Chall bring an. C.knpghtes Atmed for leftes be at all teghtes All redy to darreync here by batayle And this behote I pou without fayle Upon my trouthels as I am trewe knyght That whether of you bothe hath that might That is to Cay/whether he or thou Map with his bundred as I spake of now Sle his contrarplo; aut of lyftes ozpue Dem Chall I peuc Emely to wpue To whom that fortune peueth lo favre a grace The lpftes Chall I make on this place and god to woffp on my foule rewe 38 3 (hall eupne juge be and trewe re Chall none other ende with me make Chat one of you ne Chall be Deed og take and if ye thynke this is well layd apeth your auple and holde you payd

This is our endeland your conclusion Who lo leth'no we loubtly but Dalamon Who fringeth bp for tope but Arcete Who couldetell o: who coulde endpte The top that made is in this place 10 han Theleus had do lo fayie a grace But downe a knees went every wyaht And thanked hom with all her mount And namely the Thebans ofte lythe And thus with good hope and bette blothe They take her leave thomewarde they type To Thebes with his olde walles wobe I trowe men wolde it beme neglygence arfe I forpete to tell the befrence Of Thebes that goth lo bulely Comake bp the loftes topally -That suche a noble theatre as it was I dare well far in this worlde there has The cricupte a mple therof was aboute Walled with flone a Dyched rounde aboute Roude was the Chappe in maner of a compas full of degrees the height officer paas That whan a man was let in one degre De letted nat his felowe for to le Eswarde there was a gate of marble white Wellwarde luche an other in thoppolyte And thostly to conclude fuche a place Was none in cribe in so lytell space for in the lande there was no craftes man Athat gemetry or arimetrike can At postreture ne ketuer of pinages That Thefeus ne pate meate and wages The Theatre fo: to make and beuple 3nd for to bo his tyte and his factofile De eft warde hath bpon the gate aboue In worthpp of cleaus goddelle of loue Domake an auter and an Stato:p and on the west warde in me noir of Marce bath be made fucise another That cofte large of golde a forther Ind northwarde in a tour of the wall Of whyte alabafter and reed co; all In Diatoip riche for to le In worthyp of Dyane goodelle of chaftyte Dath Thefeus do wrought, in noble wrie But pet had I forpete to deuple The notic berupage and the post retures The Chap the countenaunce and the frauces That weren in the Diatones thie first in the temple of Tienus thou martie

throught in the wall full pitous ip to beholde The broken (lepes) and the lighes colde The (acred teares) and the waymentyng The fraie frobes and the Defraing That loves folkes in this worlde enduryn The othes be ber couenauntes affurpn Diclaunce/bope/befpze/and folehardpnelle Beautie and poutbe baudyp and richelle Charmes and locery/lefpnges and flattry Dapence bulpnelle: and relouly That weared of pelowe golde a garlande and a Cuckowe (pttpng on ber bande fccftcs/inftrumentes/carolles/and baunces Luft and array and the the cracumflaunces Of loue: Whiche that I recken and tell Chall Be order were paperted on the wall And mo than I can make mencion for fothly all the mount of Cicheron There Benus bath ber principall owellpng was thewed on the wall her portreying with all the tope and all the luftyneffe Pought was forpeten, the porters poelnelle . De Parcifus the fapre pore agon Ae pet the folly of kpng Salomon The enchauntment of Debearand bardinelle of Jalon T wyll nat nowe expresse Repet the Arength of Percules Thenchauntment of Mebea and Circes Ac of Curnus with bis barbe feitle cozage The riche Crelis captife in feruage Thus may pe le that wploome ne richelle Beautie fleight frength ne hardyneffe Ar may with Trenus holde champartye for as (be left the worlde map (be are So all thele folke caught were in ber lale Tril they for wo full ofte lapo alas Suffpletb thele enlamples one ortwo And though I coude recken a thoulande mo The flatue of Tlenus glozious foz to le Was naked fletping in the large fee And fro the nauill downe all coverbe the was With water grene and bright as any glas A Cytole in her right hande had fhe And on ber beed full femely on to fe A Bole garlande frell be and wele (mellyng Aboue ber beed bouues allo dickerpna Befome her ftode her fon Cupydo Tipon his (bolders wrnges had be two Ind blynde be was as it is ofte fene I bowe be bare and acrowes bright and kene The towne diffroged there was nothing lan

10by (bulbe I nat eke tell pou all The postreing that was boon the wall buthin the temple of mighty Mars the rebe All was paprited the walles in length & brebe Loke to the Eltris of the grifely place That hight the great teple of Mars in Trac. In that colde Aoutherne frofty region There as Mars bath his Coueragne mancion

fyilt on the wall/was paynted a forest In which there dwellethinepther manne beeft with knotty and knarpy barayne trees olde Of flubbes Charpe and hybous to beholde In whiche ranias a ruble in alwowe (bome Is though it a Come were Chulde breft euerp Ind bownwarde on an hyll bnber a bent There fobe the tente of Dars armppotent Wought of all burned fele & whiche thentre Was longe and frapte and gaftip for to le Ind therout came a rage and luche a beple That it made all the gates for to reple The Aostherne lpabt in at the doze Chone fuz wythowe on the wall was there none Through which me myght any lyght discerne The boics were all bf Athemaundes eterne Identhed ouerthwarte and endlong with prontough for to make it frong Curry ppller the Temple for to Cuffene was tonne great of pron/bright and Chene

There lawe I fysit the derke ymaginyng Of fellony and all the compassing The cruell Ire reed as any diede The ppkepurle and eke the pale drebe The impler with the knyfe bnder the cloke The Chepen beennyng, with the blacke linoke The treason of the murding in the bedde The open warres with wounder all bledde Cotake with blody knyfe and Charpe manace And full of chickpnal was the force place The fleet of hym felue pet fame Tthere Dis hert blode hath bated all bis chere The naple postue in the Chode an bight The colde dether with mouth gaping britable 3 my doell of the temple latte my chaunce With Disconforte and Core countenaunce pet lawe I wodenelle laughping in his race Armed complaynt: other and fere cozage The carapne in the bull be with throte progue A thoulande Clapne and nat of qualme iftout The tyzant with the zap byfozce praft

#### The hurghtes tale.

Petfame I brent/the Choppes hoppefteris The bunter (trangled) with the wploe beris Thefowe fretpng/the chplbe in the crabpil The case picalled / for all bis long ladell Aought forpeton was the infortune of Barte The carter ouer cyben with his owne carte Under the whele full lowe he lap a downe There were allowed Spartes beutlione The barbour the boucher I and the Impth That forged [barpe [werdes in the fith Ind all about departmed in a tourt same I conquelt/littping in great honoure with the (barpe (werde ouer his hede Danapna by a subtell twyned threde Depented was there I the flaughter of Tulius of great Acrol and of anthonius 31 be it/that thelke terre thee were bubogne per was ber bethe papited there byfome By manallyng of Barce reght by figure so was it the wed repatt by postreture Is it is Departed I in the fterres aboue Who Chalbe dapne or elles beed for love Suffifeth one example in Rozpes olde I map nat teken bem all /though I wolbe The flatue of Mars boon a carte flode Banco and loked grym las be were mode Ind ouer bis beed there fbrnen two figures Of Gerres that ben called in feriptures That one Buella bpght/that other Rubeus This god of armes was araped thus 3 wolfe there fode byfoine bym at his fete with epen reed and of a man be ete With subtyli penfell was paynted this story Inteboutping of Mars/and of bis glozp Aome to the temple st Drane the chafte Is (boxtip as I can I worll me batte To tell you all the discripcion Departed ben the walles by and bown Of buntpig and of thamefalt chaftite There lame Thome wofull Califfope Ibhan Epane greueb was with ber Wastourned fros woman toa bere Ind after was the made the lobe ferre Thus was it pernied I can fap no ferre Der fonne is che a fterre/as men map fe There lawe I pane tourned ontpliatre I meane nut the goddelle Drane But Beneus boughter which p' hpatt Drane Therefame T Itheon an heet pmakeb To; bengenuce/that he lawe Dyane all naked

I fame h we that boundes baue bem taught Ind fre nhom forther knewe bom naught pet pp paten was alptell furthermore Dom Ithalant hunten the wolde bose Ind Beleager and many other mo for whiche Dyane wrought bem care and wo There lawe I many an other mondre flory The whiche me lyft nat bzawe in memozy This goddeffe on an hert brahis lete With (mail boundes all aboute ber fete 3nd bnberneth ber fete fbe bab a mone Werping it was and fbuibe want fone In gauby grent i ber flatur clotheb was with bowe in bande and acome in a cas Der cpen calt the full to be a botone There Pluto bath his berte regione 3 woman traucipng / was her befome But for her chpibe fo longe was baboine full prtouffp Lucina gan fhe call Ind (apd/beipe for thou mailt best of all ibell coude be pernt lyucip that it mought With many aflozern he the temes bought.

Dwe ben thele infteg mabe a Cheleug Chat at his great coft hath arayed thus The temples and the Theater enerpoete Whan it was bone it loked brm wond; c meje But fint I well of Chefeus aitte And speke of Walamon and of Accine The day approchethi of ber retourning That cueriche (buibe an bubiert knoghef baing The bataple to barrepn as I poutotte Ind to Ithenes ber couen sunt for to belbe Dath cuerich of be brough: an budeeth kneubil well armed for the warre at all mabres 3nd frkerly there trowed many a man Chat neuer fptb the worlde began Is for to freke of knighthode of her bande ABferas goide hath made fee and lande Aas of lofewe to noble a company for cuery wrate that touch chewalry and wolde his thankes batte pad pag name Dath praped that be my abt be of that aniii Ind well was hom that thereo choien was fo: if there fell to mo: ome fuchen can pe knowe wellithat cuery fully knowbe That fourth paramours and bath his mpabe Were it in Englande og elles where They woldenerthankes mellen to bethees Cofraht fora tabria benedicite

T.L.

It were a lasty lyght for to le in spatels faceth ! they with Balamon With bem there went hupghtes many on Some wolde be semeb in babergeon some in back plater and in a leght apppon o forme molt baue a perpe of places large Int Come wolde haut a paprenthelpe and targe Some weide be acmed / on his legges wele And have an are/and fome a mace of frete There is no newe guple but it was holde 3cmed weer they las I baue rolbe Queriche after bis o'buie optation There mapft thou fe i comping with Balamon Liquege byrmletfeithe great hong of Crace Blacke was bes bette atto manip was bis face The circles of bis epen in bis beeb They glouden between pelome and reed Ind iphe a gepffyn loked be aboute Thirb kempte beces in his bromes foute Dis immes great his brammes berm a ftronge Fis (bulozes brobe/bis armes rounde a longe 310 as the guple was in bes countre full brat bpon a chare of golde ftobe be With foure white bulles in the traps In the De of cote acmuse ouer lits backers with napite petomer and bipobe as any golde Dehan a beace farnne cole blacke for olde his long beares were kempt bebpno bis backe As any cauen fether it Chone for blacke I witthe of golde arme great of huge werght Tom bisbeeblat full of Rones breght Of fone cubpestant of fone bramauntes Bhouse bischace there went alauntes Twenty and mo as great as amp flerre Co bunte at the Ipon tot elles at the bere and folo web bom with molet tal phounde Colers of golderand totremes foles counte An hundreth to mest he habbe in his coute Armed well/with hettes Gerne and foute.

pthe Accite / as men in flopp fynde

De Chestong Emetrius the byng of Inde

Mapon bey ftede ptrapped all in ficie

Acmed mith a slothe of golde putapped wels

Came ryding Apke god of armes Macce

Dis cote annuce was of clothe of Tarce

Combed with perles white / rounde / and great

Dis ladell was of brent golde / newe piece

mouther on his shulders hanging

Bret full of subpes byggbe/as syr sparklyng

Dis bapati crifpe bereitphe rynges were conne Ind that was pelowe and gittered as the forme Dis nofe was bpab/ bis epen bapat ceteine Dis ipppes rounde bis colour was languine 3 fewe freckles in bis face were (prent 28 ct wire pelame I and Come bele blacke priepri Ind as a iron / beloked aboute fafte Df.rrb.Fercot age Them cafte Dis berbe was well begonne for to [paping Dig borce was I as a trompe thunbipna Tipon bis beeb he weret of laurer grene 3 garlande frell be and lufty for to lene Zipon his handelhe bace for his ded wpte In egletamelas any lpip whote In bundert knyghtes/hab be with hym these Bil armed faue their bedestin all ber dere Were epchely arrayed in all manerthpinges Trufteth well/that etles/buhes/and bynges There gabred in this noble company fo: loue and encreale of cheualty Aboute this hang there connen on euerp parts Welemany a tame ipon and libacte Ind in this wefer the lordes all and fome Ben on the fondapled the spie come Aboute prime and in the towns alread This Cheleusthis buke this wonth knyahi 10than be had brought bem in to bis crie Ind prince bemieucepebe at his beare De testett bemiand bothe so great labous To cale bemiand to bo tem all benour That men wenen that no mankes wet of none effate i ne coube amende it The mipnittelepithe lecuice at the lette The great grites to the molt and lefts The trobe arrape of Theleus paleple Qe who fat fielte ne lat boon the bele D: what ladves fapselt benios belt daunipa t Dr whiche of hem/ can belt baunce og fpng Ac who most felpingip (peketh of lous What hambes let on the perches about What houndes french the Hose boun Of all thismake Ino mencion But of theffecte that thenketh me beft Ao me conseth the popute and berken if pe lot.

De fondar at night/or day began to (prig Than Balamon herd the lashe (png Al though it were nat day/by douces two pet fong the lacke / and Balamon ergot the With holy here and with an high courage

#### The linyghtes tale

Te refen to wende on his pfigetmage Einto the billfull Sotherea benigne Imcane Tienus / honozable and biane and mber house/he walked forthe apace Unto the loftes there her temple mas Ind bowne he kneleth and with humble chere And with hert foje he fapte as pefhall bere farzelt of tapzer o laby mpn Tientes Doughter to Touts and Spoule to Mulcanus That glabbeft all the mount of Sithercon forthat love that thow had best to Adon Daue ppte on mp bptter teares (mert Ind take mpno humble praper at the hert Blas | Thaue no langage for to tell The effecte ne the tourment of mone hell Don bert may nat mon barmes bemiep amfofozoufullithat I can natfap But mercy lap breatt that knowell wele Depthought and feeft the harmes that I fele Confider this land reme bpon my fore 36 wpflpi as I (hall for euermore Emforce mp mpaht thp true feruaum, to be Inobolde warre lapp latway with chaftite That I make mpn auoue i fo pe me beibe Thepe nat of semes for to pripe At Talbenat to mozo welfor te haue bictory Ac tenoune inthis caleine bayn glozp of profe of armes to blo me bp and bowne But I wolde fully have polleffione of Comely 1 and ope in her feruice fende thou themaner bome and what mele Tretche nat / but it may betrer be To baue bictory of bem on they of me Sothat I have implate in mone armes forthough lo be that Mars be gob of armes peut bertue te lo great in beuen about Chat if poulph I (hall have my lous The temple well I worthen euermo 3nd on an autre | where 7 rede o: go I woll bo facriffte and fries bete 3nd if pe wplinat fo mp laby (wete Than pray Tthe to moro we with a fprate Chat Brette methozowethebert beare Than cecke I nat whan I bauc loft my lyfe Though that Brepte webbe her to bis wife This is the effecte and ende of mp prapert peur me mp loue mp bleffet lady bere Whan that the orefon was bone of Palamon Dis facrifice be bpbe and that anone full proufly with all circumflaunces

And al the statue of Tenus shoke

Indiade a signer whereby that he toke
The this praper raccepted was that day
for though the figure showed belay
yet woll be well that graunted was his bone
Ind with gladde hert be went hom borns some
The thirde four equal that Palamon
Began to Tenus temple for to gon.

13 role the forme and bo role emely Ind to the temple of Dpane gan bpe Det maybens that the with ber thiber lab full revely with hem the frie they bad Thencence the clothes and the rememaunt all That to the facultice longen fhall The bomes full of methe as was the quele There lacked nought to bon ber lactifice Smokeng the temple full of clothes fapte This Emely with bert bebonarne Der bobe wollhe with water in a well But bowe (he opothere 7 Dare natteil But it be any thong tie generall And pet it were a game for to bere it all Cohpm that meaneth well it were no charge But it is good a man be at bis large Der bipahe beare was bempt and betteffeb aff Ind a crowne of grene oke ferpall Tipon ber beeb was fet full farze and mete Two fries on the autre can (be bete Ind bpd bet thrnges as men mar beholde Inflate of Thebes and in bokes olde iban kynoleb was the frie with prious chere Into Prancibelpate 34 pe map bere D chaft gobbelle of the mobe grene Co whome bothe beuen i erthe and fee is fene Quene of the reque of Pluto berke and lowe Gobbelle of marbens that my bert baft knowe Jull many a perc and woteft what Toelpie 36 kepe me fro the bengeaunce and thene ite That Atheon abought trulp That good fe well woreft thou that ? Defrie to be a marben all mp ipte Meneuer woll 7 be loue ne mofe 7 am thou worth vet of the company 3 mappen: and four buntong and benote Ind for to malk in in the wodes write Ind nat to be a mpfe and be with chribe Pought well I knowe company of man Come beipe me laby fithers thou may a can

To the thre fourmes that thou halt in the Inb Matamon / that bath (uche loue to me Ind eke Becite! that loueth me lo loze This grace I pray the withouten more Is (ende loue and peace! bptwire bem two 3nd fro me turne a way I her bettes fo That all ber bote love and all ber befpze Ind all ber bulp turment and all bet frze 23 c quepnte or toueneb i m another place And if to be thou well be me no grace D: if mp beftenp be Chapen (o That I fhall nebes baue i one of bemt wo As (ende me bem that mote beftreth me Bebolde goddellet of ciene chaftite The better teares that on mp chekes fall Sithnes thou art a mapbe and kepar of be all ap mapbenhebe thou kepel and well conferue Ind whiles I pue a mapben well I the ferue

Thelefpies bienne bpon the auters clete 10brie Emely mas thus in ber prapere But lobenip fbe lame a leght quepnt For tratt anone one of the fries quepnt Ind gutcked apeniand efter that anone That other frit was quepnt and all agone And as it quepnt/it made a whilliping Is bone thefe wete brondes in ber brennpng Ind at the brondes ende out can anone 36 it were bioppes blobp many one for mbp fofore agaft mas Emely Chatibe was almoft madbeland gan to cry for the ne wolf what it liquitped But onelp for feare thus bath (he crped Ind ment that it was price to here And therwith all Dpane gan appere With bowe in hande reght as an huntrelle And land boughter frynt the beupitelle Imong the goddes an high it is affirmed and by eterne worde witten and confermed Thou hait be wedded butpli one of hem two That have for the fo moche care and mo But buto whiche of hem/map I nattell fate weleifoz I may no lenger owell The fpres whiche on mpne auter bren Shall the Declace or that thou go ben Chyn auentuce of loue ag in this cas 3nd with that worde I the arowes in the cas Of the godbelle dateren falt and tyng and forthe the ment/and made a banpillying To whiche this Emely/altonyed was and lapb/ what amounteth this alas

I put me bider the protection when and in the disposicion and bome the gothe lanone the next way this is the effecte there is no more to fap

A the nert house of Pars after this Ircite but the temple walked is
Of feprs Pars 1 to Do his factifice
With all the ryghtes of his paynem wyle
With pytous hert and hygh Deuction
Right thus to Pars he layd his opplon

Right thus to Dars he Cay Dihis oppion o frong god that in the regnes colde of Trace honoured attland loade pholde Ind haft in euery regne and euery lande of armes all the bapbell in the bande Ind bem fortunelt as the lpft beft Deutle Accept of me imp pptous factifice If lo bel that mp thought map beletue Ind that inpingght i be worthy to ferue The goodced that I may be one of thene Chan pray I the reme on mp ppne for that pepne and that hote fpre In whiche thou beennell whilom for Delpze 10 han that thou bledpathe beaute Of fange pong freithe Menus fre and happelt ker in thy armes | at thy woll Ind though the ones a tome myltell whan Mulcanus/had caught the in his las Ind fonde the liggpng/bp bis wpic alas for the le forome that was in thene bert Paue routhe as well boon mp papnes (mert am pong and bukonnpng as thou wotelt Ind as I trome with love offenbed molt Than euer was any lpues creature for the that bothe me all this wo enduce Agrecheth neuer/whether Ifpnhe og acte 3nd well I wote / 02 the me mercy bete I must with strength wonne ber in the place and well I woter without helpe and grace Of the map nat mp ftrength auaple Than belpe me lozbeito mozowe in mp bataple for that free that why lom beent the Is well as that free that nowe beenneth me Ind bo / that I to mozowe baue the bictozy Dopne the trauapli and thone be the glozp Thy loueraph temple/wyll I moft bonouten Of any place al way and mofte labouren In the pleafaunce and in the craftes Grong And in thy temple 1 3 well my baner bong And all the armes of my company

And evermore but the bape I bye

Creene fyre I woll before the fynde

And eke to this avowe I wyll me bynde

App berde my heare that hangeth long aboun

That never yet felt offencioun

Of ralour ne of there I I wyll the peus

And be thy true fervaunt whyles I lyve

Aowelord have routhe byon my for wes fore
yeve me the bictory I alke no more

peue me the bictoppi alke no moze The praper Apnt of Arcite the Arong The congesthat on the temple bose bong Ind eke the bozes clatered fo falt Of whiche Briteilomwhat bym agaft The fries brent/boon the auters birabt That it gan all the temple for to lpaht A (ote (mell/ anone the grounde by yafe And Arcite anone his banbe bp gate Ind moze encence in to the frze caft With other tytes moland at the last The flatue of Mars began bis hauberke ring 3nd with that founde he herbe a murmurping full lowe and dymiand lapbithus bictory for which be gave to Mars bonour and glory And thug with tope and hope well to face Breite anone to his prine is face As fapre as foule is of the bapabt fon Ind epate anone/fuche ftepfe is there began for that grauntyng in beuen about Betwire glenus gobbelle of foue Ind Barsithe fterne godarmppotent That Jupiterwas bulp tt to fint Tpil that the pale Saturnus the colde That knewe fo many of auentures olde Tonde in his olde experience and arre That be full (one hath pleased every parte As fothe is fapo lelve hath great auauntage In cloets bothe wpfoome and blage Men may the olde out remie but nat out rede Saturne I anone to fight freple and Diede Bil be it that it to avent bis kynde Of all this frife / he can temebres fribe My Dere Doughter Menus | quod Saturne Dy courfe that hath to wybe for to tourne Dath moze power than wote any man Mone is the brenchping on the fee fo wan Mapne is the prilon in the berke cote Morne is the Braging a banging by the throts The murmure and the chorles rebelling The geonphaland the papue enpoplonging Too bengeaunce, and playme correction

Whiles owell in the ligne of the Ipon Mone sthe cupne of the book balles The fillping of the toures and the mailes Tipe ithe mynour or the carpenters I flough Sampfon fbaking the pplete And mone ben the malapres colde The Derke treason and the castels olde Dy lokyngis the father of peltilence Rowe were no more Thall done biligence That Walamon/that is thone owne knowne Shall have his lady as thou bym behight and Bare Chal kepe his knyght pet natheles Betwire pou i there must besomtyme peas All benat of one completion That caufeth all day fuche beuilion am thrne all reop at the well wepe no moze | I woll the luft fulfell Aowe well I frent of the goddes about Of Mars and Tienus goddelle of loue And tell pou all plapnip / as I can The great effecte for whiche I began.

Reat was thefell in Ithenes that day Indehe the hully featon of that Bap Mabe euerp wrate to be in luche ple aunce Chat all that monday full they and baunce And fpenden it in Tenus high feruica and bycaule that they foulden acpic Etly for to le that great lyght Untober reft went they at upabt And on the moto we whan day gan lowing Of boile and nople barning and clareryng There was in hostelerpes all aboute & And to the paleps code there many a route Ind loides boon fledes and palitres There mailt thou le beuilpag of baeners So biscouthe alo rpche and brought lo well Of goldimpthry of brouderpland of fiele The Cheldes bipght itelferes and trapoures Golde bewen beimes / baubickes / 4 cote atmas Loides in paremetes on her courfers Engahtes of retypue and chefquyers Aarling the (peres and belmes bokelpng Surbing of fheldes with levners lafring There as neve is they were nothing poell The form fledes on the golden bipdell Onawrng: and fall the armerers alfo With frie and hamer prickping to and fro remen on fote and comons many one with (houte flaurs thycke, as they may gons

by pes /trompes/naconers/ and dartons That in the batapie blowen blody founs The paleps full of people/bp and boun There the there ten/holoping ber queltion Demping of the Theban hnpgbtes two Some lapo thus fome lapo it foutbe fo come beide with bom with the blacke becto Some with pe balled I Come we the thicke beers Somelard be loked grymland he wolde fight De bath a fparthe of. rr. pounde of werght Thus was the ball full of Deutnyng Long after that the fonne gan tofpppng The areat Thefeus I that of his flepe awaked 10th mentralcy and nople/ that was maked Delbe pet the chambrelof bis paleps riche Tpli that the Theban knyghtes bothe pliche Donoured were and into the paleps fet Duke Theleus is at the wondowelet Traved crabtias he were a god in trone The people preced thiderwardefull sone Dem forto lepn and bone bpgh reuerence And ekc to herken bis beft and bis lentence In berombe on a (caffelbe made an D Tyll all the noyle of the people was poo 3110 whan he lawe the people of nople all fight Thus (bewed be the mpatty bukes well The topbe bath of his high discrection Confidee that it were bifruction Cogentell blode to fpatten in this wple Of mortall bataple nome in this emprele Wherfore to fhapen that they fulbenat bye De wel bis firfte purpole modifpe Ao man therfore on peyne of loffe of lpfe Ao maner ( botte ne pollar ne fort knyfe In the ipftes lende o; thiber bipng Aelhort (werde for to fighe with poput bitping Ae manine brawe ne bere it be bis fpbe Ae man Chall buto bisfelowerpde But one cours! with a Charpe pgrounde fpere Toppping if hom loft on fore hom felue to were and be that is at mpfchief fhalbe take Ind nat Capne but be brought to the fake Chathalbe ozdepned on eyther (pde Butthiber be fhall bp force and there abybe Ind if fo fall the cheftapen be take On epther(pocios elles fleeth his make Ao lenger (ball the turnereng laft Cob [pede pour go forther and fratt on faft With long freetes and maces / ley on pour fpll Socienome your way this is the lozdes well

The popce of people touched the beuen So loude creed they with mery freuen God (aue fuche a lozbe that is lo gode De welleth no distruction of blobe Tip gothe the trompes and the melody Ind to the liftes epoeth this company By ordenaunce through out the cyte large Danged with cloth of goldeland nat with large full lyke a lozde this noble buke gan tybe Thefe two Thebans bpon eyther fpbe And after robe the quene, and Emely Ind after that/another company Df one and other after ber Degre And thus they palle through the cyte Ind to the liftes comether be tonte It nas nat of the bap/pet fully prime Whan lette was Theleus epche on bye Apolita the quenel and @melp Ind other ladyes in degrees aboute ainto the fetes prefethall the toute And well ward through the pates buder marte Arcite and the the hondred of his parte With baner reed is entred enght anone Ind in faat felue moment Balomon Is bover Tienus Citwarde in that place Withbaner white and harby chere of lace In all the worlde to feke by and boun So cupn without any baciacion There nere luche companyes twep for there was none lo wple/that coubelay That any bad of other auguntage Of morthynelle / ne eftate/ne of age So cupn were thep cholen for to gelle Ind in two renges fepte they bem breffe Ind whan that ber names ced were everichone That in her nombre | aple were there none Tho were the pates that and creed was loude Do nowe your devout / pong anyattes proude The beroudes left ber pricking bp and boun Aowe ryngen trompes louberend clarton There is nomoze to lap but Ceft and Well In gothe the speces sfull ladly in the rea In gothe the Charpe Spoze in to the Spbe There feen men who can full a who can epbe There Chyuerping Chaftes bpon (belbes thicks De feleth through the bart (pone the papele Tip (pipnaeth (peres/twenty fore on hyabt Out gon the [werdes las the (iluer bipabt The helmes they to bewen and to Chrebe Dut well the blode with fterne fremes rebe

with myably maces the boncs they to bapit De through the thickeft of the throng gan thepft There fromblen febes frong / Toune goth all De collect bonber fore as bothe a bal De forneth on his fete with his trunchon Ind be burtleth with his bogle aboun De through the body is hurt and lithnes take Dagte his beed and brought to the frake As forwarde was ryghtithere he muft abybe Another led is/on that other fpbe Ind Comtyme Dothe hem Theleusto reft Dem forto refreffhe a brinke if that thep loft full oft a Day baue the Thebans two Cogyther pmet / and wrought epther mo Tinhoxfed hath eche one of hem twep There is no trate in the bale of Balegopher when that her whelpe is folen whan it is lyte Socraell on the bunt las is Arcite for telous bert bpon this Walamon Ac in Belmarpe there is no fell loon That bunted is of for anger wode Ae of his prapi Defpreth fo the blobe. Is Palamonito Achis for Arcite The selous Brokes on her beimes byte Dut renneth blode on bothe ber (poegre be Somtome an ende/ there is of cuerp bebe for or the fonne bnto reft went The Grong kyng Emetrius gan bent Chis Palamon as be fought with Brette And made his (werd depe in his fiellhe brie Ind by the force of twenty was he take Tinpolden and drawe to the fake Ind in the rescous of this Palamon The Grong kong Ligurge is boine a boun Ind kong Emetrius for all bis ftrength Is borne out of his fabella fwerbe length So bit bem Dalamonioz be merctake But all for nought he was brought to the Cake Dis barop bert ine mpatt bem belpe nought De muft abpde whan he was cought By force and the by composition 10ho foroweth nowe but wofull Palamon That mult no more go apen to fight 3nd whan that Thefeus babbe fey that light Unto the folke that foughten thus echone De cepeb than bolno more for it is bone I wolf be true tugetand nat party Arcite of Thebes/Mall baue Emely That by his fortune hath ber fepre y won Inone there a nople of people begon

fortope this to louveland begh with all Chat i cemedithat the leftes thulve fall.

Dat can nome fayte Henus bone about? 10 what lareth the what both f quene of loue But wepeth for for wanting of her will Toll that ber teares in the loftes foll She land Tam albamed boutleffe Saturneland ! boughter holde the peale Wars hath his well the anyaht bath his bone Ind by my beed thou Chaft be eales Cone The trompettes with the lowbe ministraline The heroudes / that full loude pell and crpe Ben in her top/for the well of pane Arcite But berkeneth me and ftyne nople altte Whiche a miracle there be fell anone This feitle Arcite bath his belme of cone Ind on a contler for to the we bis face Deputched endlong the large place Lokyng bywarde butothis Emely And the agepuhym call aftendip epe 3nd was all in his chere as in his bert Out of the grounde affize infernall flert from Pluto fent at the requelt of Saturne for whiche his horfe for feare gan to tuche Indicpt afportand founded as he lepe Ind or that Arcite may take sepe Depight bym on the pomell of his beed That in the place be lap as be were deed Dis biell to bioften with the lavell bo we As blake be lap as any colle or cro tog Sowas the blode conne in his face Inone be was boine out of the place With hert loze to Thefeus palens Tho was he compriout of his harmens Ind in a bedde brought full fapic and blyus for he was pet in memory and alpue And alway cryeng after Einely Duke Thefeus with all his company Is come home to Athenes his cote with all bloffe and great felemingte Ill be it that this auenture mas fall Denoide nat Discomforte bem all Men land cherchat. Accite thulde nat bro De shulde be beled of his maladre 3nd of another theng they were fayne That of bem all there was none flarme Ill were they fore burt and namely one That with a spece was theilled the beeft bons The other woundes and the broke sumes

Some bed Calues I and Come bat charmes fermacees of berbes and the lane They bronken for they wold her lyues have for whicheithis noble bukeras be well can Conferreth and bonouted every man Ind made reveil all the longe nyght Zinto the acaunge lordes las was erght Be there was boiden no bilcomfpfing But as o tultes or as tourneying for there was bolden no Discomfiture for fapipna mps but auenture Ae to be labbe by force buto the fake Linvelopn and with twenty knyables take One person alone without mo And basped forthe bp armelfote and to Ind che bis Gebe bypuen forthe with flaues 1bith fotemen bothe pemen and eke knaues It nas pretteb bem no bilanp There may no man clepe it comsetope for whiche anone / Duke Theleus let crpe To fighten all tancour and enupe The begre as well in one fpbe as in other Ind epther (poelphelas other brother Ind paf bem gpftes after ber begre And fully beloe a fell dapes thre Ind convered the briges worthelp Dut of his towne a toumep largelp Int home went every man the rpat wave There was no more but far wel baue good pap

f this bataple | well no more endite Butfpeke of Balamon and of Arcite Suelleth the breft of Brette and the fore Encreafeth at bie bert i ap moze and moze The clotered blobe for any lechcraft Corrupteth and in his bouke is laft That nepther bepneiblobe ine bentulpng At Daynke of berbes may be his belpping The bertue expulsere oz animali fro that bettue | pcleped naturall Ae map the benpm bopde ne crpell The proces of his longer ganto (well And every lacert in bis breft aboun 45 (bent / with benym and corrupcion Dem gapneth nothpagifoz to get bis lpfe Momite bywardeiand Dounwarde laratife Bil is to brotten thilke region Asture bath in bym no bommacion and cectapuly there nature wyll nat witche farmell philphe/ge bere the man to chitche

This is all and forme! Accite muß bpe for whiche he fendeth after Emely Ind Palamon/that was his colon dece Than fapt he thus/as pe fhall after here

Pat may the wofull fpiret in myne bert Declare a poput / of all mp lozowes (mett To you mp ladp/that I love molt But begeeththe letuice of mp golt Copou / abouen euerp creature Sithnes that my lyfe may no lenger bute Blasthe wo lalasthe popnes Grong That I for pourbaue luffred and folong Mlag the Detbe/alas mp Emelp Alas the Departing of our company Blas mp bettes queneralas mp mpfe Mep bettes labpiender of imp lpfe What is this world - what alketh men to have: Aowe with his loue i no we colde in his graue Blone withouten any company face well my fwete foe mp Emelp And loft take me in pour armes twee for the lour of god and berkeneth what I lap A baue bere with my colpn Balamon B) at firefe and tancos many a bay agon For love of pouland of my Telouspe Ind Jupiter lo wpleip mploule gup To speken of a lecusumt properly 10th circumfraunces all truly That is to leprit coutbe bonoutiz knochtbeed topfoome/bumbleffe/eftate/andbighapnreb frebom/and all that longeth tothat arte So Jupiter baue of mp foule parte As in this worlde/crast nome knowe I none So worthy to be loucd | as palamon That ferueth pouland woll bo all his lpfe And if that ever pe [bulbe a wofe Foresteth nat Balamon the gentylman Ind with that worde his speche faple gan for fro his feter bato bis bielt was come The color of bethe that bath tym ourcome Ind pet mozeouer, foz in his armes two The bytall Arength / is loft and all ago Onelp the intellectes withouten moze That owelleth in his hert liche and loze Ganfaple whan the bert feleth beth Bullhed his epen to/ and fapleth bis breth But on his laby pet call he his epe Dis laft worde was metcy emely his (pirit chaunged the boule and went there

39 I came neuet / I can nat tell where

Chere Iffpnt / Tam nat Deupnifter Of foules fpn be I nat inthis reapfice Acmelpft the oppnions to tell Df hem though they written where they buell Arcite is colde there Marshis Coule gup Aowe woll I fpeke forthe of Emely Shapght Emely and howleth Palamone Ind Theleus his lufter toke anone . Swonping and bare her fro the coas away what helpethitto tary forthe the day Totell howe the wept bothe eue and mozome for in luche cas woman have luche lozo me ibban that their bulbanbes be fro bem go That for the more part I they foromen fo D: elles fall in luche a maladre That at the last certainly thep ope Infinite ben the foromes and the teares Of olde folke and folke of tender peres In all the towne for bethe of this Theban for hom there wepeth bothe childe and man so great wepping was there none certapne 10ban Decto; was brought I all freffig pflapne To Tropelalas the pyte that was there Cracheng of chekes/rentpng che of here 10hp woldest thou be deed these women crys Ind habbeft golbe prough and Bmeip Ao man mpahtalad Theleus Saupna bis olde father Caeus That knewe this workes transmutacion Is be habbe feen it chaunge bp and bown Jope after wo/and wo after gladneffe and fhewed hym/example and lykeneffe Reght as there depteneuer manghoo he Chathe ne lyued in erthin Come begre Epatt fothete lpued meuet man hefard In all this worlde that fomtome he ne depoe This mozibe is but a throme fare full of mo Ind we be pilgrimes palling to and fro Dethe is an ende of cuery wortes fore and ouer all this? pet fapo he mekyll more To this effecte: full wolchy to enhance The people/that thep (hulbe hem recomforte Duke Theleus/ with all his bulp cure Caft nowe where that the sepulture Df good Arcite/map beit pmaked be Ind eke mofte bonourable in his begre Ind at the laft be toke conclusion Chatthere asfirte Arette and Palamon Dabben for loue i the batapte bem brimene That in that felue groues i wete and grene

There a Je had his amourous belyies Dis cor playnt and for love bis bote fries De me De make a frze in whiche the office funciall be myght fully accomplice Ind comaunded anone to backe and to heme The okes olde and lep hem on a teme Inculpyng / well araped forto brenne Dis officers with white fire they renne Ind reden anone at his comaundement Ind afrer this Theleus hath lent After a bere and be it ouer [p:abbe With clothes of golde the trebest that he badde And of the same sute he clothed Arette Tipon his bandes his glours whrte Anto on bis becb la cromne of laurer atene And in his hande a (werde full broadt a kene Delapoe bom bare the bilage on the bere There with he wepte that prie was to bete Ind for the people (bulde le bym all Whan it was bap be brought bem in the hall That rojeth of the cryeng and the foun . Tho came this wofull Theban Dalamon With flotered berbe | and ruaged affin beares In clothes blake | Diopped all with teates Ind palleng other of mepring Emely The rewfullest of all the company Ind in almoche as the leruice foulde be The more noble and treche inhis deare Duke Thefeus let thie fedes foithe birng That trapped were in Bele all girtering Ind couered with the armes of Becite And the bpon the fledes great and white There laten folker of which one bare his fhelde Inother a fpere boon bis fbuiders beide The thirde bare with bym his bowe turkers Of brend golde was the cas and the barneys Indexpen forthe a pas with loso refull chees Cowarbe the groue las pe fhall after bere The noblest of the arches that there were Elpon their backes carroen the bere with flacke pale and even rede and were Through out the cree by the mailler frete That (pradde was al mith blacke a wondre bre Brabt of the lame is the frete rume Tipon the reght hande ment olde egeus Ind on that other fy de but Thefeus with beffelles of golde in ber bande full froe Ind full of bonr mylke blode and wone Che Palamon with full great company Jub after that came word! Emelo

10 (th free in bande) as was that tome the gaple To Do the office of the funeral lequice Dogh labout and full great appetelping Thas at the feruice ! of that fre making That with bis grene toppe ithe beuen raught 3nd . rr . fawbom of brebe the armes ftraught This is to las i the bowes were fo brobe Of frame/firfte was lepte many & lobe But howe the free was made boon an beight Ac che the names / bowe the trees byaht As oke force brach affe alber bolme popelet! Baple thorn bech afpe bor cheften Ipnb laus implome che plane balpi a whopulere (ret) Dowe they were felled thall nat be tolde for me At bothe the goodes rempa by and boun Diferented of their babitacion In whiche they wonned in reft and peas Armphes faunce and a mabitoes Ar howe the beeftes and the bribes all flebbeufo; feare whanthe wobe gantall Rehome the grounde agaft was of the trabe That was nat wont to fe the fonne bipghe As home the free was couched field with free Bit than with bare trickes cloven on the And than with grene mode and ipports and than with dothe of golde and with peerp And garlandes bangeng with many a floure The morte the encence bith ( mete oboute Acho we Brette lap among allthis At what excheller about his body there is Ac home that Emchas was the guple Dut in the fre of funetall ferutce A e bom fbe f mounen i wban mabe was the fre Ac what fbe fpake ne what was her befpre Ae what Tewelles men in the fpie call 10 han that the free was great and beenneb fall Achem Conicial their (beibe i a form their fpere And of their bestemetes whiche that they were And cuppes full of mpike wone and blobe In to the fpie that bient as it were wobe Achomethe grekes with an buge toute Thipes epoen all the free aboute alponthe left bander with an hrah flowerna Ind thipes with her (peaces claterping And thepes botte the labres gan cry Ac bowethat led was homwarde emelp Acheme Becite is brent to allben color Achome the lyche wakes were pholoe That ilkenpatt i ne bowethe grekes plep The make pleyes ine kepe I nattolap

whiche waskeieth belt insked we ople anoput Ac who that bare hom belt at the poput I will nactell all i howe they gon bome to Ithenes i whan the play is bon But hostely to the poput than woll I wende and make of my long tale an ende.

) procelle a by length of certaph peres Ill frates the mourning a the cheres Of grebes iby one generall affent Than femeth me there was a patiement It Athenes | bpon a certapn poput and cas Ind among the whiche poputes (poken was To baue with certarn countrers al paunce Ind baue fulle of Thebans oberfaunce for whiche this noble Thefeus anone Let lenbe after gentpil Dalamon Tinmelt of bem i what was the cause and who But in his blacke clothes foroufullp De came at pis comaundement an bre Tho Theleus lent foz @melp Whan they were let and buff was all the place Ind Theleus abpten bath a space Di anp morbe came fco bis wple biell Dis epen fet be there as bem ipt Ind with a lebbe bilage be legbed figli Indafter that readt thus be land his well

The firthe mouer of the caufe about Than be firtt made the farze chepne of loue Oreat was the effecte and high was bis entent incle well be wheland what therof he ment for mith that fapre thepne of leue be bonbe Che frie ithe epie the water and the lombe In certarn bondes that mar nat fire The lame prince and that mouer quob be Hath flubly floed in this wreched world aboun Certaph bares and buracion To all that is engenbred in this place. Quer the whiche bap i thep mo we nat palle 3 il mowe thep pet itho bapes abriggs There nebeth nat auctoztte to legge for it is prouce by experience But that me lpft to beclace mp fentence Than may well men i by this oroze difcerne That thethe mouet/fable is and eterne mel map men kno bei but it be a fole That enery party/is beryued fro bis bole fornature bath nattake bis begynnpng Of one parties of a cantell of a thong But of a thong I that partite is and fable

## The knyghtes tale.

Descendyng fortyll it be corrumpable And therfozeifoz bis wple puruepaunce De hath to wele be lette bis outpriaunce That fperes of thenges and progreffions Shulven endute bp luccellions 3nd nat eterne without any lpe This mailt thou bnberftande and le at epe Lotthe oke that bath fo long a nozpily ag fro the tpme that it firft apmeth to fpipng Int bath lo long inferagre maple pet at the lafte / maften se the tre Confibreth ekelbome the barbe ftone Einderour fete ion whiche wetrebe and gone pet wafteth it las it lpeth bp the way The brode route Comtome wereth brev The great townes fe we mane and wende Than pele that all thrng bath an enbe of man and woman le me well alfo That nebes in one of thefe termes two This is to lapn in poutbe or elles in age De mot be beeb the kring as fhall apage some in bis bedbeilome in the Depelee some in the large felbeias men mar fe There belpeth nought sil gon that the way Then man I (ap all thring mot nebes ber What maketh the but Jupiter the kong . That is prince and caufe of all thring Concertring all bitto bis propre will fo; whiche it is berpued forbe to tell Ind bere agapnino creature alyue Of no Degree auapieth for to ftryue Than it is mploome / as then beth me Comake bertue of neceffite Ind take it well that we may nat efche we Ind namely that to be all is out Ind whole grutcheth ought he bothe folly Ind rebell is to bem that all may are Ind certapnipla man bath moite bonour To prenintis most ercellent flour Whan he is lyker of his god name Than bath be boble frende ne bym no fhame Ind glabber ought bis frende be of bie betbe 10han with bonour lo bp poloen is bis biethe Than when his name appalled in for age Jo: all fozpeten/is than bis ballelage Than is it beft as for a worthy fame Cobren whana manis beft of name The contract for all this is mylfulnette Why grubge me mby have me heurneller That good Ireite of cheualty the flour

Departr is with bucty and bonoue Dut of pe foule pation of this lyfe 10hp cutched biscofpn and his wrfe Of t a wele fare that loueth bem fo wele Can be bem thanke: nap gob bot neuer a bele That bothe bis foule and che bem offenbe Inb pet they mowe bet luftes nat amenbe 10 hat map T-conclude of this long (erp But after wol T cebe be be mere and thanke Tupiter of all his grace Ind of we beparten from this place I redelthat we make of forowes two D patfrte topellaftpng euermo Ind loketh no we where mofte (e20 me is puns There well Ifirft amende and begringe Sufter quod beithis is my full affent With all the aurie of my partement Chat gentyil Balamon/pour o wne kmpaht That (crueth you with bert and myabe 3nd euer bath bo lipn pe fielt bom anewe Chat reshull of pour arace on bom tere and take brm for bulbande and for force Lene me pour bande l'es this is out accorde Let le no be of pour momantp pete The is a kynges brother lonne parbe Ind though be were a poze bacheler son be bath ferued poulo many a pera 3nd had for round a great abust the It mote be confibred / feuert me for gentyl metcy ought to paffe cyabe Than faro bethus/to Palamontbe annabi I trome there never breef fermonging Comake pou allent to this theng Comert nere and take your laby by the bonde Ind thus of hem bothe was made the bande That begbe matrimonee or mariage By all the counfell of the baronage 3nd thus with all bliffe and melody Dath Dalamon mebbed Emely Ind god that all this worlde bath wrought. Sente bem bis loue that be bere bab bought for nowe is Balamon in all wele Lyueng in blyile in tycheile and in bele 3nd Emely bem loueth fo tenberty Ind be ber ferueth agarn fo gentelle That there was no worde bem byt mene Di Telouly 102 of any other true Thus enderh Walamon and emely Ind god faue all this company.

# The Pytterspiologue.

and here begynneth the Priese prologue.

Den that the knight bad thus his tale tolde 10 In all the company nas there pong néolot That be nelaph it was a noble frozp And worthe to be bra be m memore Ind namely the genepties euerpchone Dur bolt lough /and (moze fo mot 7 gone This goth a crabt / babokeleb is the male La fe no me! who Chaff tell an other tale for traip the game is well begoime Aowe tell pe fit monkeitf that pe konne sommbat to qupte the knyght his tale The implier that for bronken was atl pale Cothat banethes boon his hoxe be fat De noide auapte nother bobe ne bat Acabpbeno man forbis cuttelp But in Pplates bopce be gan cep Ind (moze/bp aumes/bloociand bones I can a noble tale for the nones with which I wois now guyte the knight tale Dur bolt fame that be was bronke of ale 3ab faptiabpoe Robpa leue brothet Some better man (ball tell ftelle an other Abpoe and let be worke thepftely By cockes (oule guod be/that npil nat 7 for I well (pekeloz ciles go mp way Our bood anfwerb.tell on a beupil map Thou arte a fole the wet is ouercome Aome betheneth quot the Apiler all a fome But firite 3 makes proteffacton That I am Dzonke/I knowe by mp foun And therfore ! If I mplipeke or lap Ibpte it the ale of Suthweeke I pou pray fo: I wolde tell a legende and a ipfe 28 other a carpenter and of his wife Dowe that a clerke bath (et the wayantes cappe The reue an (mero and lapb/lipnt the clappe Let be thylewor brenken barlottry It is a (pone and the great felp Co appeyee any man oz bym befame Ind the byping topues in luche a name Chou mailt pasugh of other thrages layite Chis bronten Apriler (pake full lone agarn molard de leue brother Mimolbe

But I (ap nat therfore that thou atte one There ben good topues many one 10by arte thou angry with my tale notice I have a wofe parbe/as well as thou pet noide I nat for the oven in mp plome Cake boon me moze than pnowe As peme of mpfelfe that I were one I wolde bei pue well/that I am none In bulbande (bulde nat be inquifitife of gobbes prouite/ne of his wofe So he map fynde goddes fulon there Of the remenaunt/nebeth nat to enquere mbst (bulde I more (ap/but this mpilece De noine his morbesitor no man forbere 28 ut tolbe bis chozies taleitn bis manere De ouer thenketh! that I (hall reherle it here Ind therfore every gentyll wyabt I prap memeth nat for gobbes love that I lap Aat of eurli entent/but that I must reberfe Sicr tales all | be they better of works De elles failen fome of mp matere And therfore | who fo ly feth nat to bere Turne ouer the lete/and chole an other tale for he (Hall fonde pnowerbothe great & Cmaie of byftoziall tupng that toucheth gentylneffs Ind the moralite and bolynelle Blameth nat met ff that pe chole amps The Mplier is a chorle pe knowe well this So is the Reveland the other mo Ind barietre they tole bothetwo Aupleth you and put me out of blame Ind the men (bul nat/ make ernelt of game.

Thus endeth the Myllers prologue and here after for loweth his tale.

# The Dyllers to'



Dylom there was dwelling in Drefozde W A speche gnofithat geftes hab to bozbe 3nd of his crafte/ was he a carpenter . With him there was owellinge a pooze scoler Dad lerned arterbut all his fantelye Was touened to lerne Aftrologge Ind coude a certapne of conclusions To bemen by interrogacions If that men ared him/certapne houres Whether they (bulde have brought or (houres Oz if that men'ared him what Chuloe befall Of euery thong I may nat reken all This clerke was cleped bende Archolas Of Derne loue he couthe and of folas Ind therto be was ( ipe/and full prine Ind lpke a mapden meke forto fe A chamber had be in that holtelepe Mone/without any companye full fetoul ip poight with herbes lote And be himfelte was (wete as is the rote Ofipconceior of any Cetewale Dis almaged bis bokes great and fmale Dis aftrologpe longping for bis arte Dis augrem Cones lave fapre a parte On Chelues couched at his beddes heed Dispiele prouered with a fologing reed And all about there lap a gap fawtre On whoche be made a nightes melobye So Cwetclpithat all the chamble ronge Ind angelus ab birginem be fonge

Ind after that be longe the kunges note full often bleffed was his mery throte And this (wete derke his tyme (pent After his frendes fondong and his rent This carpenter had wedded newe a write Whiche that he loued more than his lyfe Of.rbill.rerelbe was of age Clous be was and belde ber narowe in cage for the was write a ronge and he was olde And demed him felfe Inte to be a coke wolde He knewe nat Caton for his wet mas tude That bad a man (bulde wedde his fringlitude Men Chulde wedde after ber aftate for youthe and olde ben often at bebate But frthen be was fallen in the mare De mult enbure as other folke bis care farze was this ponge write and there withall As any welfell her body gent and small A Cepnt (be wered barred all offpite 3 barmeclothe as whyte as mojowe mylke Tiponber lendes with full many a goie Whyte was ber smocke a broyden all before Ind che bebpnde on her coler aboute Of cole blacke frike within and eke without The tapettes of her whyte boluper Were of the fame fute of the coles Der friet brode of frike and fet full bre Ind fekerly the bad alpherousepe full finale p pulled were her browes two And they were bente and blacke as any flo

# The Appliers tale.

he was moche more bly Chill on to Ce Then is the newerpere genet tre And fofter then isithe wull of a weber Ind by bet grabell/hangeth a putte of leber Tarceled withfribe and peried with laton In all this worlde to (che up and bowne There is no man lo wpie that coude thenche so gap a pupelot or lo pratta wenche full brighter was the Champing of ber bue Than in the tour/the nobell to:ged newe But of ber longe it was as loude and pern 38 any (walowe fretington the berne Therto (be coube lapppe and make game as any hyb og calle folo byth his bame Der mouthe was (wett as braket or methe D: boibe of appels lepbe on bey o: beth ippnling (be was as is a tolp colte Longe as a mafte & bpright as a bolte 3 broche the bare bpon her lowe coler As brode as is the bolle of a bokelet Der ihone were laced on ber legges bre the was a primerollia ppages npe for any lorde to laggen in bis bed Orpet for any good peman to web Aowe frie and che fre lo befpil the caas Chat on a dap this bende Apchelas fell with this ponge wpfe to rage tto plep Whyles that ber burbande was at ofenep 35 clerbes be full (ubtyle and full quepnt End princip be caught ber by the queynt 3 no land pure but if I baue my well fo: Derne loue of the lemman Topll Ind telbe ber barbe be the (banke bones Ind Capo lemman lore me all at ones O: I walde ope all lo god me laue and the fpronge as a colu bothe in the traue And with ber beed the wrieth fafte away She lapb I well nat kpile the by mp fap why let be quos the let be Archolas D: I well cepe out harowe and alas Do wer pour bandes for pour curtefpe This Apcholas gan meter for to cepe And Cpake le fapte A profeted het lo falt Chat Che ber loue graunted bim at laft And fware ber othe by faint Thomas of Kent That the wolde be at his comaundement Whan that the map ber lepfer well efpre Myne bufbande is fo full of icloufpe Chat but pe warte well and be prine I wote eight well I nam but deed quod the

pe muft be full berne/as in this caas Bar therof care the natiquod Archolas Locherly a clerke hab belet his whole But if he coude la carpenter beaple And thus they ben accorded and plworne To wave a tome as Thaue tolor byforne Whan Archolas had no thus every bele Ind thacked her about the lendes wele De kufte ber (wete and toke bis fawtre Ind placed fafte and made melobre Than fell it thus p to the parplibe chriche Chaiftes owne werkes for to wpache This good wrfe went on an bole bar Der forheed (bone as bright as any day So was it waffhe whan the let ber werke Come was there of p chpich a partifhe clerke The whiche that was peleped Ibsolon Crulled was his beer as the golde it Cone Ind ftrouted as a fan large ano brobe full Arcyant and eurn lay his toly shode His rode was reed his even grap as goos with Bowles wyndowes comen in his Choos In holes reed be went full fetouffp clad be was full smale and fectous ly Bil in a kprtell of a lpgbt waget full fapre and thicke be the poputes let and there upon be had a gap furplys Is whyte as is the bloffom on the cps I mery chyloe be was fo god me faue Well coude be leten blode drppe and Chaue Ind make a charter of lande and aquetauce In twenty maners coube be trpppe & baunce After the fcole of Orenforde tho Ind with his legges cafte to a fro Ind plave longes on almale ribpble Therto he longe lompme a lowoc quenpble Ind as well coube be play on his geterne In all the towne nas brewe boulene tauerne That he ne bplited with his folace Thete as any gaplarde tapfter was But fothe to lay be was fombele Couermous Diffartyng and of fpeche baungerous This Ablolon/that tolpfe was and gap Goth with a lenler/on the boir bar Seulong woues of the parpilhe fait Ind many a louely loke on bem be caft Ind namely on this carpenters wyfe To loke on het be thought a mery lyfe the was to proper (weter the lpherous I bare well lay if the had be a mous

Eller Horde

2110 be a cat be wolde ber bente anon This parpulpe clerke this toly Absolon math in his bert luche a loue longpinge That of no wyfe toke he none oftrynge foz curtefpe he lapo he wolde none The mone whan it was night bright Chone And Abfolon his apterne habbe y take for paramours he thought for to wake Ind forthe he goth tolyfe and amerous Tell be came to the carpenters bous A lytell after cockes had ycrowe Ind ozelled him bp by the for wyndowe That was byon the carpenters wall De fyngeth in his bopce gentle and fmall Rowe Dere lade if the well be I prap you that pe wyll thinke on me full well according to his apterninge This carpenter awoke therbe him fpnae Ino (pake buto his wyfe and layo anon What Millon hereft thou nat Abfolon That chaunceth thus bnoer our bowies wall Inofbe answerd ber bulbande ther withall yes god wote John I here it eucry dele This paffeth forth what well pe bet than wele from dap to dap this toly Ablolon so woweth her that he is wo begon De waketh all the night and all the bap . De kempte his lockes biode a made him gap We woweth her by meanes and brocage Ind (woze be wolde be her owne page De fongeth brokonge as a noghtongale De Cent after pyment methe and (pyced ale Ind waftes prpinge botg out of the glebe Ind for the was of towne he profered mede for Come folke well be wonnen for trebelle Ind Come for Arokes + Come for tolynette Somtome belbeweth bis luftines amayfrie the plepeth becodes byon a featfolce bpe But what auapleth him as in this caas She loued fo this benbe Archolas That Abfolon mar blowe the buckes borne De ne bab for bis labour but a fcome Ind thus (be maketh Ablolon ber ape 3nd all his erneft turneth tell a rape full fothe ig this piouerbe it is no lee Men lay right thus alway the anghe fire Adaketh the ferre lefe for to be loth for though that Abloton be mode or wroth Bycaule that he ferre was from ber frabt This nyghe Aicholas Robe un his lyghs

Robe' are the well thou bende Aicholas for I colon may wavle and spage alas Ind befyll that on a faterbap The 3 carpenter was gone toll Ofnap And cke bende Atcholas and Mirlon Broided be fully to this conclusion That Archolas Chall Chapen him a wrie This fely istous hu bonde to bearle Ind if lo beithe game went a right Shelhulde flepe in his armes all night for this was her delyze and his allo Ind right anone without wordes ino This Apcholas no lenger wolde tarpe. But both full lotte in to his chambie carre Bothe meate 4 bunke for a bar ortwer Ind to her hulbande bad ber for to lep If that he asked after Archolas she (bulde lay the nult where he was Of all that day (bele him nat with eve She troweth that he is in Come maladre for that no crp ber mapbe couthe bem call . De noise answer for nothing might fall This paffeth forthe all that laterday That Archolas figil in his thambic lar Ind cate o: Clepe o: Opd what bim lofte To londar that the lonne gothe to talte This fely carpenter bath great meruan le Of Archolas or what might him arte Indiano Jama Diad by laint Chomas It fonocth nat a right with in probotas God Chyloe it that he dred lodenly This woulde is nowe full trale lekerip I lawe a coips to day boic to chriche That nowe a moday laft Tlengh him wriche Go up quod be unto bis knaue anone. Elepe at the bose of knocke with a frome Loke howe it is and tell me boldelp This knaue gothe bim op full ftuedelp And at the chambie boic while that be flobe De creed and knocked as be were wode What howe what do remailter Archolap Dowe may pellepen all the longe day But all for naught be berde nat a worde In bole full lowe be fonde upon a boide There as the cat was wont in for to creps Ind at the hole be loked in full depe Tell at the laft be bad of bim a figbe This Archolas face gapping euer bpgigbt As he had byked on the newe mone Abowne be goth and colde bis mailter fons

Della

# The Myllers falc.

In what army he lawe this the man-This corporates to bly Cohim began And Card beine be fanne from wybe Aman wote frtell what thall bim betybe This man is fallen with his aftronomye Intome wodenelle at intome agonpe thought are well howe uf builde be Men Chulde nat knowe of goddes prupte phicffen be alway a lewbeman That nought but onelp his beleue can Soferoc another clerke with aftronompe De walked in the feldes for to pre Tipon the feere grabat there bulbe befall Tpl be was in a marteppt pfall-De lawe nat that but pet by faint Thomas De reweth foze of beade Apcholas De Chall be rated of his audpeng If that I map by Jefu beupn bong Bet me a ftaffe that I mar bateripoze 10 byle that thou Robyniheuelt of the boze De Chall out of his Audying as I gette And to the chambre bore be gan him breffe Dis knaue was a fronge choile for the nones and by the halpe he halfest bpatones Into the flour the boze fril auone This Aicholas late ave as applas done End euer gapeth bywarde inthe epit And hent him by the Chuldes imaberly And ( boke him barde | 4 ceped Coerbullo What Aicholay what howeleke a bourt Amabe ? thinke on chaffes pallagun I crouche the fro elups I fer mightes Therwith the night (pell fair be anon trabtes On four balups on the house about And on the threifholde of the bore without . Tefu chailt and faint Benebentit 23 lpile this house from eners presed wight for nightes berty the wegot paternofter Where wonnell thou laint Petres lufter And at the laft this bende Aicholas Gan for to lighe loze and faid alag shall all the worlde be lott eftiones nowe This carpenter answerd what fart thou 1bbat thinke on god as we no men flwpnke This Aicholas answerd fet me dunke And after well I speake to the in parapte Ofcertapne thinges that thechen mes the will tell it none other man certayn. This earpenter goth Downers committing ann

And brought of mighty ale a large quarte Ind whan eche of hem had bronke his parte This Aicholasibis Doze fafte Chette Ind downe the carpenter by him he fette De laid John impne holle leue and dete Thou Chalt boon thy trouthe (were me here That to no wight thou thalt this coulell wiep for it is Gerftes countable that Tley Ind if thou tell it man thou arte forloze for this vengeauce thou Chalt have therfore That if thou wier it man b (bale be wode Aar croft forbede it for his very blode Quod tho this felp man am no blabbe Ae though I lay I am nat leue to gabbe Say what thou welt I Chall it neuer tell To chyloc ne wyferby him that harowed hell Rowe John quod Altholas I well native Thaue founde it im mone afteologre Is I have loked in the mone bright That now a monday nert at quarter night Shall fall a capula that to write a wode That halfe fo great was neuer Aoes flobe This worlde he faid in leffe than in an hour Shall all be deepnt lo bedous is the Chour Thus thall mankynde dzenche a lece her lyfe This carpenter answerde alas mp wpfe And Wall the Drenche alas my Alloun for lozowe of this be fell almost a downe Ind faid is there no temedy in this caas Why res for god good hende Acholas If thou wylt worke after loze and rede Thou maylt nat worke after thy owne hebe for thus lay h Salomon p was full trewe Worke all by countable thou Chalt nat reme And if thou worke wylt by good coulaple f bunertake/without malte og laple per Chall I faue her and the and me Daft thou nat herde/how laucd was foe Whan that our lozde had warned him beforne That all the world with water fulbe be lezne pes quod this carpenter/full poze a go haft thou nat herdely Apcholas allo The lose we of Ace with his felow him O: that he might get his wyfe to Chip Dim had be leuet | Dare well bidertake At that tyme than all his wethers blake That the had had a throther felfe a lone Ind therfore | wotell thou what is belt to bone This alketh half and of an halfy thynge Day men nat preche ne make tarpeng

## The Byllers t

Inone go get be fall in to this in A knedpnge trough oz els a kemelyn for eche of bs/but loke that they be large In whiche we mowe (wymmen) as in a barge Ind have theren bitayle fufficiaunt But for o Dapitpe on the remenaunt The water (hall allake and go away Aboute prime bon the nerte day . But Kobyn may nat wete of this thy knaue Ac che the mapden Belle I map nat laue Are nat why for though thou alke me A well nat tell goodes prupte It (uffeteth the but if the wette be mad To have as great a grace as Aoc hab The wefe Chall I well laue out of boute Go nowe thy way and (pede the here aboute But whan thou hast for the and her ame pgoten be thele knedping tubbes thre Than Chalt thou honge bem in the rofe full hye That no man of our puruepaunce elppe Ind whan thou thus halt boncias I have faid Ind hafte our bytaile fapze in hem glapd and eke on are/to impte the coade a two Whan that the water cometh that we may go And breke an hole an hogh boon the gabyll In to the gardepnwarde ouer the flabell That we map frely palle forthe our wap Whan that the great Choure is paffed away Than Chall we fwym as merely I bnbertake As Dothe the whyte bucke after the Dake Than well I clepe howe Alicon how John Be mery for the flove well palle anon Ind thou wolt lap haple mailter Aycholap Bode mozowe | Te the well for it is bap Ind than Chall we be lozdes all our lyfe Of all the worlde as A oe and his wyfe But of otheringe | I warne the full ryght Be well aupled on that ylke nyght Whan we be entred in to the flyp boide That none of beine fpeake nar a worde Ae clepe ne crpe but be in his playere for it is goddes owne helt bere The wete and thou must hange fer a tipen for that botwir you Chall be no fonne Aomore in lobringe than there in all in Dede This ordynaunce is layd go god the spede Comozowe at nyght/whan folke be all a flepe Into our knedping tubbes well we crepe and lytten there abyonng goddes grace Conowe thy way I have no lenger space

Com se of this no lenger fermommige Der lap thus lende the wele alap nothence Thou arte lo wvie it neveth the nat to trebe To laue our lpfe and that I the befeche This fely carpenter gothe fouthe his wage full ofte he layo alas and welawaye But to his wyfe he tolde this priupte Ino the was ware a knewe it bet than be What all this quernte cast was to leve But natheles the feroe as the wolde deve And land alasigo forthe thy way anone Delpe bs to leape or we be deed echone am thy trewe very wedded wyfe Go berespoule and belpe to lauc our lofe Lo whiche a great thynge is affection Men map bye all bay of pmagmacion So depe may impression be take This fely carpenter begynneth quabe Dym thunketh verely that he map le Aces dode come walowing as the ice To Dienchen Alifon his hong bere De wepeth wapleth & maketh for there Delyghed with many a loip (wough De gothe a getteth him a knedpng trough and after that a tub and a semelyn And princly be fent bem to bis in 3nd honge bem in the rofe in pitutte Dis owne bande be made ladders thie To clymben by the renges and the falkes In to the tubbes hanging in the balacs Ind bem bitapleth bothe trough and tub with biced and chefe and good ale in a tub Suffyling right phowe as for o day But o; that he had made all that aray Desenthis knaue and the his wenche allo Upon his crande to London for to go Ind on the monday whan it diewe to night telhythis doze without candell light Ind Dielled ail ibrige as it fulbe be Ind (bottly by they clomben all thie They lytten fivil well a furionge wave Howe pater nofter clum faid Archolage And clum fayo John a clum fayo Alyfon This carpenter land his devocion Ind figli be freteth and byddeth bis players Awayting on the rapne if he it here The beed flepe to: wery busynesse fell on this carpenter right as I gelle Aboute cutfue tyme o: lytic moze Lo: trauaple of his good he groneth fore D.IIL

# The Appliers tale.

And efte be concethifte; his beed myle lay Downs of the labber talketh Aptholap Ind Alplon/tull Cofte Dovone lbe (pebbe Without westers me they go to bebbe There as the carpenter was wont to lee There was the reuell/and the melodye Inb thus leth Mylon and Archolas In bulynelle of myth and miolas This that the bell of laubes gan to rynge and freres in the chauncell gan to lynge This parifibe clerke this amerous Ablolon That is fo; loue! alway to wo begon Tipon the monday was at Dinep With company bim to Disporte & plep And alked boon a cale a clopiterer full pauelplafter Johan the carpentet Inb be brewe bim aparte out of the churche And lapd I not I lawe hom nat wyiche spthe laturday I trowe that he be went fo; tymber there our abbot bath himfent for be is wont for tomber for to go And owell at the Graunge a day of two D; els he is at bis boule certapne Where that he be I can nat Cothip Capne This Ibiolonifull tolp was and leabt and thought no the is tyme to walke all night fo: fyketip ] lawe hom nat feryng Thoute bis bozeifpn bay gan to fpzing Do mote I thane I fall og cockes crowe Depuelp koncken at bis wendowe That front full lowe book his bowies wall To Itylon/nowe will Ttellen all De loue longrag for pet I Chall nat my Is That at the left way That her bylle Some maner comfort Chall I baue parfay 214p mouth hath itched all this long day That is a ligne of hplling at the leeft All night me mette ete ] was at a feelt Therfore I well go flepe an houre or twee and all the night than well I walke a pley Whan that the fiell cockerbath crows anon Tip refett this toly louer Abfolon And bim arayeth gay at poput beuple But fred the cheweth graph and lyegge (e Colmellen Cwete o: he had kempt bis beer Under his tonge a tre wloue be beet for therby wende he! to have be gracpous We cometh to the carpentees house and fiell be front buber the for wendo we Einto his breft it caughtick was to lowe

Ind Cofte be cougheth with a Cemploun What bo pe honycombe fwete Alpfous 99 p fapze bp zbe/mp (wete fpnamome 3 waketh lemman myne and (peake to me full letell thenke pe beon me wo That for pour loue I (wete there I co Ao wonder is though I welte and fwete I morne as bothe a lamberafter the tete Twestemman I haue luche loue longenge That loke a tuetle treweriging mourninge I map nat cate/nomoze shan a maybe Go fro the wyndowe Tacke fole Che Capbe Is helpe me god it woll nat be combame Tlour a nother and els Twere to blame Well bet than the by Jelu Abloion To forthe the way or I well throwe a frone Ind let me (lepel atwenty byuell way Mas quod Abiolon and welaway That trewe love was ever to puell be fet Than kylle merlyn it map be no bet for Thelus love and for the love of me Welt thou than go the way therwith quod the pe certes lemman/quod this Ablolon Than make the redy quod (be | I come anon Ind buto Apcholas/Che Capo fipil A owe peace is thou Chait laugh all the fell This ablolon/Downe let him on his knees And land A am a loade at all degrees for after this I hope there cometh moze Lemman the grace/3 (wete opade thene oze The wyndowes the bndothe a that in baffe Haue Do quod Che/come of and Cpede the fatte Left that our nepabbouts the alpre This Ablolonigan wype his mouth full bype Detke was the neght as peche or cole And at the wyndower (be put out ber bole 3nd Abfolon him felfe ne bet ne wers But with his mouthe he byft her ers full (auerly 10; be were ware of this Abacke he Gerte & thought it was a mple fo; well wpft hela woman had no becde De felte a thong all rowe/s longe bered And lard freialas what have Too Tehe quod the and dapped the wondowe to And Ablolon gothe forthe a lory pans I berbe a berbe lapo benbe Aicholas By goddes corpus this goth fayre a wele This felp Ablolon berde cuery bele and on his lyppe/he gan fo; anger bpte Ind to him felfe he tayo/ I (hall the qupte

## The Appllers t

mbo cubbeth noto/tobo froteth noto his lippes with bull in clothe with fonde with chyppes But Ablolon/that layeth full ofte alas De Coule betake I (fapo he) to Sathanas But me wete leuer/than all this towne of he On this buppte a wroken for to be Blas quod he alas that Ine had blent Dis hote loue was colde and all queput For fco that tyme that he had kylt her arg Of paramours (let be nat a cars for he was bealed of his malabre full ofte paramours gan be befre And wepter as bothe a chyloe that is bete 3 Cofte pace be went him ouer the frete Unto a Compthimen called Dane Gerueps That in his forge impleth plowe harneys Delharpeth the chare and the cultre bulyly This Absolon knockethall casely And land bindo Geruaps and that anon What who arte thou it am & Abfolon What Absolon what Chailtes sweete tre Why tyle pelo ratherage benedicite What epleth you fome gap apple god it wote Hath brought you thus bon the verytote By Caput note/pe wote what I meane This Abloton ne rought nat a beane Dfall this pleplagapheno worde be pate De had well more towe on his by lafe Than Geruaps knewe t fayd frende fo bere That bote cultre in the chymney bere Is trane it me | I have therwith to Done I well bring it the lagarne full fone Dernays answero certes were if golde Damapoke/ nobles all butolde Thou Chuldelt it have as I am trewe inryth Cp Chilles fore what well ye bother with Therfore quod Ibloton be as bomay I Chall well tell it the to mozowe or dap Ind caught the cultre by the colde freele full force out of the doze he gan ftele Ind went buto the carpenters wall De cougheth fralt a knocked therwithall Alpon the wyndowe right as he dyd ere This Alpfon answerde who is there That knocketh lo | Warant it a thefe Why nap quod he god wote mp (wete lefe am Abfolon the owne berienge Digolde quot be/ I have the brought a rynge App mother pafe it me lo god me laue Full fync it is/and therto well y graue

This pul I apue the if thou me kolle This Apcholasiwas tylen for to pylle In thought he wolde amende all the tape De hulde byffe his ets o: that be fcape Ind by the wondowe opo be haftely And out his ars he putteth punelp Quer the buttocke to the Chanke boon Ind therwah fpake this clerke Abfolon Speke (wete bpide ] not where thou arte This Apcholas anone let tipe a facte As great as it had be a thunder bent That with the ftroke he was almost I blent And he was redy with his vien hote and Archolas ampo the ers be (mote Digothethelken an bande biebe aboute The hote cultre biende fo his toute Ind forthelmette be wende forto bre As be were wode for wo be gan cree Delpe water water helpe for goddes herte This carpenter out of his Clomber frette And heroe one crye water as he were wode And thought alas nowe cometh the flode he let him by without wordes mo And with his are be smote the coide at the And downe goth all be fonde nepther to fell Ae breed ne ale toll be came to the lett Elpon the doozer and there a (woune he lap Up stette her Ilison and Archolap And creed out and haro we in the fireat The nevabbours bothe [mall and areas In comput for to gamten on this man That yet a fwounclay both pale and wan for with the fail broft hath be bis arme But fonde be must buto his owne barine for whan be spake he was amone bore do wine With hende Aicholas and Alpfoun They tolde euery man that he was wode So he was agatte of Aoes dode Thosowe fantely e that of his banvie De had bought bun knedying tubbes thie And had hem banged in the rofe about Ind that he prayed bem for goodes loue Tolytten in the rote per company The folke gan laughen at his fantely Into the rofe they by ben and they gape And turned all his barme in to a lane for what to ever this carpenter answerde It was for nought no man his reason berde with othes great be was twoic abowne That he was holde wode in all the towns

# The Renes prologe.

for euesp clecke right anone/helde with other Thep lato the man was wode/mp leue brother And euerp woght gan laugh/ at this firple Thus lwyuen was/the carpenters wyfe for all his keppnge/and all his reloulye And Absolon hath kpfte/her nether epe And Apcholas/ is scalded in the toute This tale is done; and god saue all this route.

# And here begynneth the Reues prologe.

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Dan folke had laughe at this nyce caas Of Ablolon and of bende Apribolas Dpuers folke Diuerlip thep larben But for the more parte they lough a playben Reat this tale I fame no man bym greue But if it were oncly Dowolde the Keue By caufe be was of carpenters crafte A lytell ite is in bis bette there lafte De gan to grutche and blame it a lyte Spethe quoo beffull well I coube the qupte with blearping of a ploude mpllers epe Ifthat me lpft to fpeake of rpbaubipe But Tam olde me loft nat plep for age Cras tome is bone my fober is nowe forage This whyte top writeth my olde peris Empne bert allo mouled is as myne beer is But pet I fare as bothe an open ers for that plac frupt is euer the lenger the wers mpHit be toten in mull o: in fre We olde men I brebe lo faren me Tyll me be roten can we nat be type me hoppen alwap while p worlde wolde pppe for in our well there freketh euer a naple To have an boze beed and a grene taple Is hath a leke for though our might be gone Dur well belpzeth folp euer in one for whan we map nought bo tha well we fper pet in our allben oldelfpie is teken

four gledes have the thicke I Chall Deuple Buauntpng/lpeng/angce/and couetple Thele four (parkles longeth bnto elbe Dur olde lymmes mowe we nat bewelde But well ne Chall nat faple that is Cothe Ind pet haue Jalwayla colnes tothe As many a pere las it is palled ben sen that my tappe of lpfe began to cenne for (pkerly whan I was borne anone Dethe Diewe the tappe of lpie 3 let it gone And cuer fythe barb fo the tappe conne Tyll that almost all emtp is the tonne The Aceme of lyfe now Droppeth on & chymbe The felp tunge map well trnge achpmbe Df wietchebnelle that palt is full poze with olde folke faue botage there is no moze

whan our holt had berbe this fermonyng De gan to (peaken/as lozbly as a kyng And land what amountethall this wet what (bulde we speake all vap of boly wipt The bruell mabe a Reue for to preche D: of a fowter /a Chppman /oz a leche say forthe thy tale and tary nat the tyme Lo Detforde attis balfeway to prime Lo Grenewiche that many a Chieve is in It were all trine the tale to bearn Aowelyzes quod this Diwolde the Reue prape pou all pe pou nat greue Though of answere a Combele let bis boue for lefull is with force force of Chous This dionken myllere bath tolde be bere Howe that begyled was a carpentere Darauentute in Coone for that I am one And by your leave! I Chall him qupte anon Right in his chorles termes well I fpeake Total to god his necke mowe to breake De can well in mpne epe le a ftalke But in his owne/he can nat le a balke.

> Ohere endeth the Reues prologe/and here begynd neth his tale.



## The Reues tale.



Trompinton/ nat far fro Cambinge There goth a broke | 4 ouer that a brige Tipon the whiche broke there fonte a mylle And this is bery lothe that I poutcile 3 mpller was there owelling many a bay Is any pecoke be was proude and gap Drpe he coude and fy The a nettes bete Ind turne cuppes / well wraftle and fhete The by his belt/he bare a longe pauade and of a (werde/full trenchant was the blade I toly popper bare be in his pouche There was no manifoz perell durft him touche Afheffelde thwptell bare be in his hole Bonde was his face a camppled was his note Alfo pytte bas an ape was bisfkull De was a market beater at the full There durit no wrate hande byon him ledge That be ne (wore anone be foulde abedge 3 thefe he was for lothe of come and mele And that a ( ligh and blant for to ftele Disname was phote Depnus Sombyn A wofe be had pcomen of nobte kon The person of the towns her faver was With her he pate many a panne of bias for that sprikpnfbulbe in bis blobe alre She was pfoltred in a Aonnetpe for sprinken woldeno wrfe as he larde But if the were well proziff bedit a mapbe To laue his estate of pemantpe

3nd the was proude and pert as a pre A full fepze light was bpon beint wo An holy bay beforne ber wolde be ao With his typet ybounde aboute his beed Ind the came after in a gree of reed Ind Spmken bad bolen of the lame There burft no wight depe ber but Dame Was none to hardy that went by the way That with ber burfte ones tage of plap But if be wolde be Clarne of Somspin With pauade o: with knote o: bodekon for iclous folke ben perlous euer mo Algates they wolde ber wruce wenden fo 3no ese allo fo: (be was fomocle (motpatt) She was as bygne as water in a byche and full of bocour and of befmace Der thought a lady (bulde ber fpare What for her kented and bet nortelere That the bad lerned in the America 3 Soughter had they bytwer bem two Of twenty pere without any mo Saurng a chyloc p was of balfe pere age Incrabell trlap and was a proper page This wenche thicke / well rarowe was with camops note and even grey as glas Buttockes blode & bieftes rounde and upe But right farze was ber beer T well nacire The parton of the towne for the was ferre In purpole was to make her bis bepie

#### The Renes tale.

Bothe of his catell and of his meluare In Braunge be made it of ber mariage B) is purpole was for to befrome her bye Minto Come worthy blode of auncetrpe for holy chyrche goodes muft be fpended On boly chyache blode that is bilcenbed Therfoze be wolde his holy blode honour Though that be boly chysche (bulve deuous Breat loken bath this myller out of boute with where a malte of all this lande aboute Ind namely there was a great Colege Den clepeth it the Coler balle at Cambrege There was ber whete a eke ber malte pgroube And on a dap it happed in a founde Speke lap the Mancippli on a malaby Ben wenden wpf lp that be fhulde bp fro whom this mpller fale bothe mele & come In hundred tyme more than he byd beforne for there before be fale but curtep(lp But nowe be was a thefe outrageoully for whiche the wardern chyd and made face 28 ut therof fet this myller nat a tare De crabed faft and fwoze it was nat fo Than were there ponge (colers two That oweloen in this hall of whiche T lap Ceftyfe they were and lufty for to play 3 no only for her myrthe and reueltpe Upon the wardenn bulpip ther crye Co peue bem leaue but a lotte founde Co goto mplle a le ber come pgrounde Ind harbeip they burft lap ber necke The inviter shulbe nat steale halfe a pecke Ofcome by Cleyant ne by force bem teue 3nd at the lafte the mardenn pafe bem leue fohn hight that one / Alepn hight pother Dtatowie were thep borne phight Strober fer in the north I can nat tell where This Alepn maketh redy all his gere Ind on an hois the Cackes he caft anon Forth goth Aleyn the clerke 7 che Tohfi With good (werde and bokeler by his froe John knewe the way him nebpb non to apbe Ind at the mplle the lacke a Downe he lepth Blepn Crate fielt all hayle Spmonde in fepth Howe faces the farte Doughter & the wefe Alepn welcome/quod Spinken by my lyfe And John allo howe nowe what do pe bere pringinde of John by god nede has no perc pem bus ferue bun lelfe that bas no Cwarne Oz els be is a tole/as derkes layne

Our manespell I hope be woll be Deed wa weikes ave there wanges in his beed and therfore | Is come and this Blepn To grande our come a care it home agann I play you (pede by hepn/in that pe map It shall be bo quod Spinken be mp tap Tobac well pe do whyles it is in bonde 28 p god right by the hoper wyll I stonde Quod John and le howe the come gole in pet lawe I neuer bp mp lader kon Howe the hoper wagges to and fro Blern answerd John wolte thou fo Than well I be beneth by my crowne Ind le howe the meale falles downe In to the trough that Chall be mo disporte for John in fapthe I may be of pour lorte Tisaspliamplieriasispe This moller (mpled ofher upcite And thought all this is done but for a wple They wence noman may bem bearle But by my thufte/pet Chall I blete ber epe for all ber (lenght and ber phylo(ophye The more queynte clerkes that they make The moze Chall I ftele whan I take In stede of doute/pet well I peue bem bzen The greatesclerkes be nat wpfelt men As whylom to the wolfe thus fpake the mare Of all her arte ne counte I nat a tare Dut at the boze be goth full paucly Whan that he lawe his tyme loftely Be loketh bp a bo wne tril he bath founde These clerkes hors where he stode phounde Behonde the molle bnder a leeffell Ind to the hors he gothe fayze and well De Arppeth of the budell right anone And whan the hors was lofe be gan to gone Towarde the fenne where wplde maris rpn forth with wehp throughthicke a then This mpller goth agenino Worde be lapo But both his note/a with the clerkes pland Tyll that her come was faire a well grounde And whan the mele is lacked a bounde This John goth forth/4 fynt his bors away And gan-to cree bacowe and welawar Our hors is loft Aleyn by cockes banes Step on thy fete come of man all at anes Alas our wardepn bath bis palfrep loine This Alegn all forgate/bothe mele & come All was out of mynde his buf bandzy What while way is he gon/he gan cry

#### The Beuestale.

The wyfe came rennyng inwarde at a cenne She lapo alas pour horle goth to fenne with wploe mares as falte as he map go Minthanke come on bis hande p bonde him fo Ind he that better/Chulde haue knpt the repne Mlas quod Tolinialas for Crpftes pepne Lay downe they (werde/4 ] well mone all wa I is full Cwyfte god wote as is a raa. By goddes fale he chall nat escape bs bathe Why ne had thou put the cappli in the lathe Ill hayle by god Aleputhou is a fonne Thele fely clerkes have well fast yronne Towarde the fenne bothe Aleyn & cke John Ind whan the mpllere fawe they were gone De halfe a bulthell of her floure hath take Ind bad his wyfe go knede it in a cake He layo | I trowe the clerkes were a ferde pet can ampllere make a clerkes berbe for all her arte pet let bem go her way Lo where they gone fo let the chylozen play Ther get him nat fo lightly by my crowne Thefe felp clerkes rennen by and bowne with kepe kepe fobe fonde tolla ware betere To why file thou there 13 I thall kepe him here But Choetly tell it was veryly night They coube nat though they byd all her might Der caple catche be ran alway fo fafte Tyll in a opchether caught him at the lafte Wery and weet as belt is in the tarne Cometh John the clerke/4 with him Riapne Alas quod John the day that I was borne Rowe are we bruen tell betheng a tell fcome Our come is fole men well vs foles call Bothe the wardern and our felowes all Ind namely the moller well away Thus pleyneth John as he goth by the way Towarde the mylle t bayarde on his honde The myller lytting by the fore he fonde for it was night a ferther might they nought But for the love of god they him belought Of herbozowe and of cale as for her penp The implier (aid agapue if there be any Suche as it is pet shull pe haue your parte Done house is trapt but pe haue lerned arte re can by argumentes maken a place 3 mple brode of twenty fore of space Let le nower if this place well futtele Dimake it comer with fpeche as is your gyle Aow simode laid this John by laint Cutberd Ty is thou mery a that is well and werd

I have ! . coe lap/me (hal take of twey thinges Swyl .e as he fyndes of Cwylk as he bringes But [ ecpally ] pray the hofte lo bere Get 18 lome meate + Drinke + make be chere and we well pape trewly at the full With empty handes men may nat haukes tull Lo here mp (pluer redp fo; to (pende This mplice to the towner his boughter lende for ale and breed and rofted hem a gole And bonde her hois helbulde no moie go lole Ind in his owne chambie he made a bed With Chetes & with chalons favie y [pied Aut from his owne bed ten fore ortwelue Dis Doughter had a bed all by ber felue Right in the lame chamber by and by filmight be no ver and cause why There was no comer herbolowe in the place They suppen and speken hem of solace Ind Dionken euer ftronge ale at befte Aboute imponight went they to tefte well harb this nipller becapilized his beed full pale he was for bronke and nat reed Deperceth and helpeketh thoso we the note Is be were in the quacke of on the pole To bed he gothe | with him goth his work Is any Tap was the light and tolete So was ber tolo whostell well ower The cradell at ber beddes fete was fet To rocken and to peuc the childe lowse Ind whan that dawten was in the crowse To bedde went the boughter right anone To be ode gothe Alern and also John There was nomore there never the no b wale This myller hath to wpfely bybbed ale That as an bois (noiteth and flepe Me of his taple behynde he toke no kepe His wyfe bare him a burton full fronge Men might ber routing beren a furtonge The wenche rowted che par company Alern the clerke that befor this inclode De poked John and land lepell thou Derdeft thou euer folke a songe o: nowe Lo whylke a coplying is a twent bein all A write free boon ber bodres fall w'o berde euer (welke a ferly thence rether Chall have the flour of pil endringe This longe my abt there too me no celt But yet noforce all Chall be for the best for John land Aleputall formote I thisput If that I may you wenche well I swpue

## The Reues tale.

ime calement/bath lathelbapen be for Toban there is a lawe that layeth thus Chat if a man in e thong be a greued That in a nother/he fhall be releued Dur come is ftole/fothip it is no nap . 3nd we have bab an puell fotte to Dap Ind (pn I fhall baue none amendement Egapus my lolle! I wpil haue eafement 23 p goddes laleitt Chall none other be This John antwerde Miepn/auple the The myllere is a perlous man he lapo Ind if that be out of his depe abjaybe De might do be bathe a belong Aleyn an werde / T counte bun nat a dpe Ind by be colt and by the wenche be crepe This wenche lap bought a falte a lepe Tpli be fo npe was or the might afpre That it had be to late for to crpe And shortly for to tell they were at one Aowe play Bleyn for I well (peake of Tohfi This John leth figlia furlong way or two And to him felfe be made routhe and wo Alas quod her this is a wicked tape Rowe may I (ap/that I is but an ape pet bath mp felowe (fom what for bis barme He bath the mollers boughter in his arme De auntred him and bath his nedps (pedde And Tipe as a Diafelackerin mp bebbe Ind whan this tape/is tolde another day I Chall be bolde a baffe a cobenap T well a referand auntre it be my feeth Unhardy is busely thus men septh and by he cole and loftly he wente Zinto the crabpil and in his arme it bente And bare it fofte bnto his bedoes feet Sone after the wyfel her routyng leet Ind gan awake and went her out to pylle Ind came apene a gan her cradell mylle And groped here & there but the fonde none Mas quodine I had almost mplgone had almost hone to the clerkes bed Ep benebicite than bab foule (peb Ind forthe the gothe tell the the ccapil fonde be gropeth alway ferther with her honde Ind fonde the bed a thought nought but good By cause that the cradell by it stode Indupte where the was for it was berke But fapre and well/the crepte buto the clerke ind leth full apil/a wold have caught a flepe sther a whyle this John by lepe

And on this good topfethe leveth on loze so mery a fytte/ne had nat the full poze b) c pricked harde and fore as he were mad This toly lyfe have thele to clerkes lad Tyll that the thyade cocke began to fpige Aleen wert were in the dawnpinge for he had (wonken/all the longe npatt And Capoface well ABalyn (wete weght The day is come | I may no lenger by De pet eucrmoze/where lo I go oz ryde I am the owne clerke fo haue Thele Aowe dere lemman quod the go face wele But oz thou go o thonge I woll the tell uban p thou wendpft homewarde by p mpll Right at entre of the doze behynde Thou Chalt a cake of halfe abulthell fonde That was made of thene owne mele Whiche that I holpermy lyze for to stele And good lemman god the faue and kepe and with that worde almoste the gan to wepe Meen bpzill and thought of that it Dawe I well go crepe in by my felawe Ind fonde the cradell with his hande anone By god thought he all wrong have I gone De beed is totp of mp (wonke to night That maketh me/that I go nat a right wote well by the cradell I baue mplle go Mere leth the mpilete, and his wefe also Ind forthe be gothe a twenty byuell way Into the bed there the mpller lap De wende haue cropen in by bis felowe John Ind by the mpller in he crepte anong And caught him by the neckel & lofte Coake the lapo thou John thou lwpnelbeed awake for cryftes foule and here a noble game for by that lorde that called is fagnt Tame As I have thepesion this Choete nyght Swpued the mplices boughter bolt bpziaht 10 hples thou halt las a cowarde be agate pe falle harlot quod the myller bafte A fals traptour/fals clerke quod be Thou Chalt be deed by goddes bignyte 10 ho burft be lo bolde to Defperage Adp doughter that is offuche lynage And by the throte bolle/be caught Miepn And he hente him bufptoul ly agapn And on the nole he fmote him with bis foft Downe ran the blody freme/boon bis brift Ind in the floore with note a mouth to broke They walowed as prages bo in a poke

Bud bp they gon/and bowne aven anone Tyll that the mpliere (pomed at a ftone Ind bowne be foil bacwarde on his wofe That wpft no thpng of this npce ftrpfe for the was fall aftepera lytell wpatt with Johan the clerke i p waked bad all npabt And with the fall out of her flepe the brepde Helpe boly croffe of Bromehom (be day) In manus tuas/ to the lozbe T call I wake Symonde/the fende is on me fall Mpne hert is broken belpe Tam but beeb There leth one on my wombe and on my beed Delpe Sprikpnifoz the fals clerkes fyaht This Johan feet bpias fafte as be mpaht Ind grafped by the walles to and fro Co fynde a ftaffe/and the ftert bp allo Ind knewe the efters/bet than bpd this Toban And by the wall/a ftaffe (be toke anone And lawe a lyteli flymeryng of a lyght for at an hole in thone the mone bipgit And by that lyght fhe Came hem bothe two But likerly the nyfter who was who 3110 as the fame a white thong in her epe and whan the gan this white thrng afpre She wende the clerke had werpd a bolupier and with the fraffe (be brewe ap neve and nete and have bet this alepn at the full Ind (mot the mpller/on the pilled faull Ind Downehe gothland cepeb harowe I bpe The clerkes betehpm well/and let hpm lpe And grepben bem/and toke berbogle anone Ind che ber mele i and on ber war ther gon Ind at mylle boze pet they toke her take Of balfe a buffhell flour/well phake Thus is the proude mplies well phete Ind bath loft the gryndring of the whete Ind papee for the Supper euerpbell Df Blepn and of Johan that bete hpm well Dis write is (wrued | and his doughter als Lo luche it is a mpllet to be fals Ind therto/this proverbeisfapo full fothe Dem pare nat wene well/that eupli bothe A aplour (hall hom felfe begried be and god that fpt bpgb in matefte Daue all this company/great and in ale Thus have I qupt / the myller in my tale.

Thus enveth the Reues tale | and here after begynneth the Cokes prologue.

P coke of London whyle the Reue fpake og top he thought be clameo bo on f bake I ha quod he fo: Chriftes owne paffion Tis mpiler bath a (barpe conclusion Tipen bis argument of berbegage well lapth Salomon in his langage e tipng nat cuery man in thy boufe for herbecouping by night / is perloufe ibell cught a man aupled for to be 10hom that be bapng in to his pituite I pray to goo fo peue me forowe and care hierbe Impller bet plet a werke De beb 3 Tape of malice in the berke Bur goo fozbebeithat we ftynten bere And Gerfoze tf pe bouchelaufe to bere a tale of me that am a poze man I woil vou tell as wellas Tcan Alptell Japeithat fell mout cpte Enthoft answerd a farb I graumt it the Pome tell on Roger loke that it be good for many a pally haft thou lete blood Ino many a tacke of Douer baft thou fotoe That had be trops hotel and trops coloe Of many a pilgrime/baff thou Chaffre curs for of the perfelp / pet fare thep the werg That they have eten with the flubbed abos for in the Chop is many affectos Aowe tell on gentpli Roger by the name But I prap the be nat wroth for game I man map (ap full fothe in game and plep Thousapit loth lapo Roger bp mp fep Butloth pley quabe pley as the fleming lapth And therfore Barry bally by the feeth Bethou nat worth ar we beparten bere Though that my tale be of an boftillere 23urnatheles | wpil nat tell it pet 23 ut o: we bepart / wps thou thait be gupe And her with all be laugh and made chere Bro lapo bis tale las pelbull after bere.

**FO DO** 

prologe and begythe neth his tale.

## The cokes tale:



Bemiple whylom I dweit in our cpie De craft of bitapliers was be as gaplaro be was as golofpnche in the Chame 23 jour as a bery a propre (hort felame With lockes Thembed full fetoully Baunce be coube well and tolpip Chan be was cleped Berken ceuclout De was as full of love | and paramout Is is the bour full of bony (wete Well was the wenchei that w' bem mpght flepe And at every bepdale wolde befpng and hoppe De loued better the nepther ende than of hoppe for whan there any eroping was in Chepe Dut of the Choppe theber molde be lepe Tplithathe had allthelight plepn 3nd Daunfed weil/be wolde nat come apen Ind gabied hom a meyne of his fort To hoppe and fpng and make luche bifport And there they fet Geuene forto mete To plepen at the ople in luche a licete for in the towne was there no prentple That faper coutbe cafte a perze of byfe Than Berken coube and therto be was fre Of his dispence in place of prouite Chat fonde bis maifter / well in bis chaffare for oftome be fonde bis bor full bare for Chortly a prentple that is a reuelour Chat baunteth op(el epoteland paramout is mailter fhall thin his fhoppe abre Al baue be no part of the myntraicre for theft and stote ! they be convertiby!

All can be plepe on geterne og rpbpbpll Reuell and trouthe as in a lowe begre They be full wroth alday lag men map le This toly prentile with his mailler flode Tril he was nere out of his prentplbobe 311 were be (nybbed bothe erly and late And Comtrene led with rewell to Acwaste 28 ut at lafte his maifter bym betbought 10hon a day whan be his paper lought Tipon a prouerbeithat farth this fome worde Well bet is roten appplout of boide Than that be roten/all the remensunt So fareth it by a riotous lecuaunt It is fuil lade barme i to let bem pace Than he foulde/afithe feruauntes in the place 1 Therfore his matter pal bym agaptaunce " and bad hom go! with foro we and mpichaunce and thus this Joly prentife had his leue Ao we let bym ttot all the nyght og leue And there is no thefel withouten a louke That belpetb bym to wafte and to louke Of that he bapbe can or baco we may Inon be fente bis beb and bis arap Unto a comprete of his owneloste That loueth ople/clote/and disporte Ind had a wyfe that belde for contenaunce I (bop land (wpued for ber luftenaunce.

E. Thus endeth the Cokestale / and here after followeth the man of lawes prologue.

Mir bolt fame wellthat by the bright fonne The arke of bis artificiall bap bab conne The fourthe parte / and halfe an hour and moze Ind though he were nat beppelt fert in loze De wofte well it was the ritt. Day Of Apillithat is mellanger to Map Ind lawe well that the Chabowe of every tree was as in length of the fame quantie That was the body erect that caused it Ind therfoze by the Chadowe he toke his myt That Phebus which that foon fo clere a barght Degrees mas.irb. clomben on bepght Ind for that Dape | as in lavitude It was ten of the clocke / be gan conclude Ind Codenly be plenghthis house aboute Logopinges quob be | ] warne pou all the route The fourthe parte of this bare is gon Aowe for the love of god and farnt Toban Lefe no tyme as forthe as pe map Loidping 1 the tyme walteth bothe nyabt a day And feleth fro bs/ what prively flepping And what thurab negligence in our waterna As Dothethe Greme/that turneth neuer agapn Delcenoping fro the mountarn in to the plepn Well can Seneke and many a philosopher Bewapien tyme/moze than golde in cofer for loffe of cateffimay recourred be But loffe of tyme (hendeth be quod be It well not come aven / withouten brebe Ao more than woll Malapnes marbenbebe whin that the bath foff it in her wantownelle Let benat mowien thus in Toeinelle.

Yze man of lawe quot he lo baue rebits Celbs a tale anonc' as for marbe is pe be lubmitted through pour fre allent To franten in this cafe at my incement Acquete pounowe of pour bebeft Than haue pe bo pour beuoft at the ha Booft quot be / De partieur Zeaffent Co bzeke foz warbe is nat myne entent Beheft bis Dette land I wolde holde fapne 311 mp bebelt ] can no better farne for fuche fame as a man apueth another wight We Chulde bemlette ble it be bright Thus woll out text but natheles certapu I can epatenowe no thapter tale fepn That Chaucerithough be can but lewolp On metres and on ermong craftely Dath lapt bem in luche Engipilbe as be can Of oldetpme las knoweth many a man Ind if he ne bath nat lapb hem leue bzother

In o br .e/be bath lard bem in another for he ath tolde of louers by and bourt Mo yan Duide made of mencion In his eppftice that ben full olde What fuloe I tell bem fith thep be tofbe In pongth he made of Ceps of Alcion Ino lith be hath fpoken of euerpchon Thele noble byues and thele noble louers eta 10ho fo that woll/his large bolume fete Cleped the Capites loucs of Cupybe There map be le the large woundes wpoe Of Lucrece / and of Babilone Tifbe The [werde of Proo | to: the falle Enet The tree of Philles | forber Demophon The player of Dyanere and of Dermyon Df Bogpaneland eke of Miphrte Che barepn Tle fanbpng in the fee The dievne Liander fo: his erro The teares of Clepne and elethe wo Of Buleporland of Ladomea The cruelte of the quene Debes The letell cheloren bangung be the bals forthy Jalonithat was of louelo fals Eppimpitra Benelopei and Alcefte pour wpfhode comendang with the befte But certepnin i no worde ne writeth be Of that wyched erample of Canace Chat loued her owne brother (pafully Of whiche cucled flores | I lap tre D: elles of Titus Eppolonius Dowe that the curled kying Indiochus Beraft bie boughter of ber mapoenhede That is lo hourible a tale for to rebe Whan be ber threme | bpon the pament Ind therfore be full of auflement molde neuer mitte in none of bis fermons Of luche buhpnbe abbominacions Ae woll none reberle if that I map But of mp tale | what (bulde Too this day De were full lothe be tykened boutles Co Mples that men clepe Dieribes Methamospholeos wot what I means But natheles | Trecke nat a bene Tho I come after bym | with bame phake I fpeke in profe and let bym cymes mase Ind with that worde be with a lobre there Beganhistale as re fbull after bere.

Dere enbeth the proloquerand begrineth the tale of the man of lawe. :

# The manof lawestale.



Datefull harme/condition of pourt with thith/colde/3 buger lo colounded To alben belpe/the Chameth in thy bert It thou none alke / wi nede are thou to wouded that very nede bawisppeth all thy woundes spager thyn beed / p must for indigice (byd sp.) there or begge/ or bosowe thy dispense.

Thou biamelt Christeand (apst full bytterly De mildeparteth richelle tempozail Thyne nepghbour thou wrtest (pufully And (apst thou hast to lite and he hath all Bartap (apst thou/lampnie he reken (hall than that his taple (hall brenne in the glede for he next betreth / the neveral in her neve.

Bethe what is the fentence of the wyle Bet is to drenthan to have indigence Thy felfe neyghbour woll the despite If thou be pope/facewell thy renerence yet of the Wyle man/ take this sentence That all the dayes of pose men ben wycke Bewatstherfoze/ or thou come to the prike.

If then be pooze the brother hateth the End all the frendes the fro the alas O rethe manthauntes full of wele pe be O noble to prudent folke as in this cas pour bagges be not felled with ambes and With an all the connection pour chaunce. pe fekpn lande and feelfor pour wynnynges
And as wyle folkelpe knowe all the flate
Of repanes pe ben fabers of tydinges
And tales bothe of peace and of bedate
I were eryght nowe of a tale defolate
Acce that a marchauntigon is many a pere

A Surry whilomibuelled a company

(I) chapmen richeland thertolad a treese

(E) that wybe were lenten their spicery

Clothes of goldel and latyn tiche of heme

(E) er chasses was so trusty and so newe

(E) hat enery wyght hath depute to chassere

(D) ith hem/and the to sellen hem her ware.

Aoweipilitithat the mailleus of the last
Faue Chapen bem to Kome forto wende
Were ittor chapmanhod or for disport
Aone other mellage: wolde they thy deriende
But came bemielfe to Kome this is the ende
And in suche place as thought bem auauntage
for her entent they taken her berbygage

Soiourned have thele marchauntes in ptous a certapn tyme as fyil for her plefaunce But fo befyll that the excellent renous of the emperours boughter bame Cultaunce Reported was with every circumfraunce Unite thele Sources marchaûtes in fuch wyls fro day to day as Alhall you deuple.

## The man of lawes ta'

This was the comon bopce of every man Our emperout of Rome/god hym fe doughter hath that fith the worlde began To reken/as well her goodnesse as her beaute was never such another las was she pray to god/m honour her suftepne and wolde the were/of all Europe the guene.

In her is bygh beaute without pride pougthe without griefe or folly To all her workes/vertue is her gyde Dumbles bath flagne in her all tyranny She is a mirrour of all curiefy Der hert is bery chamber of holynesse. Der hande minister of fredom for almesse.

Ind all this bopce is sother as god is trewe But nowe to purposeriet beturne agapn (newe Thise marchautes have do fraught her shippes Ind whan they have the blissell mappesern Dome to Surry ben they went agapn Ind done her nedest as they han do yoze Ind spuch in wele. I can say no moze.

Aowe fplitt/pethefe marchantes ftode in grace of hpm/ that was the fowban of Surry for whan that they come fro any frange place he wolde hpm felfe/of his benigne curtefp what hem good chere and bufuly afpp Tidpinges of fundry regnes for tolere The wondres that they might fe or here.

Imong other thenges specialle
Thelemarchautes haue tolor of Dame Custande So great nobieste in ernest certously (ce That this sowban hath caught so greet plesauce To have her figure in his remembraunce That all his full and all his busp cure was for to love her whiles his left map bute.

Parauenture / in that large boke
Whiche men clepe the heuen / pwzptte was
With flerres oz that he his byzthe toke
That he foz loue shulbe have his beth alas
foz in the flerres clerer than is the glas
Is written god wote who so coude it rede
The bethe of every man / withouten drede.

In flerces/many a wenter there beforne was wrette the beth of Dector and Ichilles

Of P imper Julius 10: they were borne The irife of Thebes land of Percules Of Samplon Turnus land Socrates The betherbut mennes writes be so bull That no weight can rebe it at full.

This lowbay for his pring counfellent And Chortle on this mater for to palle. De hath to hem declared his entent and lapo hem certepn but he might have grace to have Cultaunce with in a lytell space. De nas but deed and charged hem on hee To shapen for hym some cemedre

Divers men/bivers thonges lapben
They argumentes caften by and boun
Dany a lubtyll reason forthe they lapben
They spake of magibe and abusion
But finally las in this conclusion
They can natic/ in that none auauntage
Ae in none other way save in Parrage.

Than lawe they therin luche difficulte
Dy way of reason to speke all plays
Bycause that there was suche diversite
Bytwire her bothe lawes that they says
They trowe that no chilten prince wold says
Wedden his chylde boder our lawes sweete
That be was taught by mahoude our pohere.

Ind he answerd hem i rather than I lese Custaunce; I woll be chapstened bourles I more be hers! I may none other chese I paap you holde your argumentes in pees Saueth mp lyse land be nat recheles. To geten here that hath mp lyse in cars for in this wol I may nat longe endure.

Ibhat nebeth greater bilacion Alap by treatife/and enbaffetry And by the popes mediacion and all the chivalry That in bestruction of mammetry and in encrees of Chistes lawe dere They be accorded to as ye shall here,

Dowe that the fowden and his basonage Ind all his lieges foull chaiftened be And he shall have Custaunce in mariage And certepn golde | I nat what quantite

#### The man of lawestale.

Ind therto founde they lufficient furete The fame accorde was fwome in epitic fybe Aowefappe Cultance/almyghty god the gybe.

Aowe woldelome men wene as I gelle
That I fulbe tell all the puruepaunce
That the emperour of his great noblelle
Bath thape for his boughter bathe Cultaunce
Well map men knowe/that fo great ordenauce
Bap no man tell/in a lytell clause
Is was araged / for so bygh a rause

Bylhoppes ben hapen/with ber forto wende Lordes/ladges / knyghtes of great renoun And other folke phough/ this is the ende And notified is/through out the town That every wyght/ with great devoctoun Shulde pray Christ / that he this martage Receput in gre / and spede this byage.

The day is come of her departing
I fay the wofull daye fatall is come
That there may be no lenger targeng
23 ut forwarde they dreffe hem all and some
Custaunce that was with sorowe all ouercome
full pale arpseth and dresseth her to wende
for well the wote there is none other ende

Tias what wonder it is though the wepte Chat that be fent to traunge nacion fro frendes that her to tenderly kepte and to be bounde boder tubicction of one the knoweth nat the condicion butbandes ben all good and have be pose that knowe would bare far no more

father the lapbithy weetched chylde Cultauce
Chy ponge doughter folted by fo lofte
Ind pe my moder imp louerayn plesaunce
Ouer all thying out take Chailt on lofte
Cultaunce pour chylde i her recomaundeth ofte
Into pour grace for I (ball to Surree
Re (hall I neuer le pour more with epe

Mas/botte the barbarthe nation
I muit anon/fpth that is your well
But Chill that dred for our redemption
So pene me grace/his befres to fully!!
I wretthed woman/no force though I fpyll

Woman are bomet to thealbom and penaunce and to be under manner gouernaunce.

I trowe at Trope whan Turnus brak the wal of Ilion nor brent was Thebes the cyte Ae at Kome for the harme thurgh Banthall That Romanns havde benquelled tymes thre Aas herve luche tender wepping for pytte As was in the chamber i for her departing. But forthe the mote whether the wepe orlying.

D firste mounng cruell firmament
ibith thy biurnall (wegh) that crowdest ap
Ind hurtelpst all fro Gest to occident
That naturally wolde holde another way
Thy crowdyng let the heuen insuche aray
It the begynnyng of this tepts biage
That cruell Marsihath sayne this mariage.

O infortunati alcendant to:tuous
Of whiche the lorde is helples fallialas
Out of his anglein to the thyrde hous
Of Dars i O occitaler as in this cas
O feble mone/buhappy be thy pas
Thou kneytest the there ithou art nat recepued
There thou were well ifto thems art p wequed.

Imprubent emperous of Rome alas was there no philosopher in the toun Is no tyme better than another in this cas of biages is there none election Aamely to folke of high condicion Aat whan a rote is of a birthe phnowe alas we ben to lewbe and elles to flowe.

Cothpppe is brought this wofull fapre mapbe Solempnelpiwith euerp circumstaunce Aowe Jelu Christibe with pou all the sapte Christibe with pou all the sapte Chree is no more but fare well fapre Custance She perneth her selfe to make good cotenauce and forthe Jether sape in this maner and tourne apen J woll to my mater

The moder of the fowdan welle of bices
Afpred hath her fones plaping entent
howe he wolde let his olde factifices
And right anon the for her counfell fent
And they come to knowe I what the ment
And whan affembled was this folke in fere
he fet her downe and fapous pethall here.

#### Cheman of lawes tal.

Loidpinges quod the / pe knowe well everichon Dowe that mp lone is in populfo; to lette The holy lawes of our Alcacon peuen by goddes mellanger Machomete But one a bowe / to the great god I here The lyfe thall rather out of mp body flert D; Machometes lawe igo out of mp hert.

What shulde be tiden of this newe lawe? But this loom to our body and penaunce and afterwarde in hell to be diame for we renped Dahounde our creaunce But loides well pe make assurance as I shall say assenting to my lose and I shall make be sauf so euremose

They (wome and allented every man To lyue with her a dre I and by her flande And everiche in the best whee that he can To strength her I shall his frendes fonde As she that hath this empape take on honde whiche pe shull here as I shull deuise And to hem all the spake in this wose

We shull be firste fayne chatstendome to take Colde water ne shall be greue but siyte Ind I shall suche a feste and a revell make That as I trowe I I shall the sowden quyte for though his worke be cristened never so white She shall have nede to was the away the rede Though she a fount full of water with her lede

Diowbannes/tote of iniquite
Tirago/thou Samarian thefeconde
Dierpent bnder femininite
plyke buto the ferpent / depe in hell phounde
Diepned woman/all that may confounde
Tiertue and innocence / thurgh thy malice
p bied is in the/as nell of every bice

Dathen envious / fpn that day
That thou were chaced from our heritage
Well knowell thou to women the olde way
Thou madelt Que/to bying be in feruage
Thou woltfozdon this chilten mariage
Thyn instrument/fo well away the whyle
Wakest thou of women/whá thou wylt begyle

This low banelle whom I thus blame a werp Let princip/her countell go her away

What f ... loe I lenger / in this tale tarp
Sher oeth to the fowban on a bap
And apt to hymithat the wolve temp her lap
And chaiftenbome / of pacifies hande fonge
Repentyng her / that the bethen was fo longe

Belechping hymito do her that honour Chat the myght baue the chaifen folke to felle Co plefen hem I will do my labour. The fowden larch I mill do at your hefte and knelping thanked her of that requeste so glad he was the nifte what to lar she kysted her fone thought ber war

Arpued be this chapiten folke to londe
In Surty with a great folemone route
And haltely this Soudan fent his fonde
first to his mother land all the regie about
And laid his wyfe was come without doute
And paped her to tyde apenst the quene
The honour of his reigne to lustens

Of Surryens i and of Bomapus mette intere The mother of the foudan riche and gap Recepueth her with all gladde chere Is any mother myght her doughter deta Ind to the nert eptie there belpde Ilofte pale folempnely they tyde

Aought trowe Il the tryumphe of Ilulyus Of whiche that Lucan maketh luche a bod was ryaller ne more curpous
Than was the assemble of this bipl full hold But this Scorpion this wicked god The Soudannessel for all ber flaterping Cast bible this full mortally to sping

The Soudan cometh hymselfe some after this So copally that wonder was to tell. And welcometh her with lope and blys. Ind thus in tope and blyse I let hem dwell. The frute of energy tale is to; to tell. Wenthought it whan tyme came fo; the best That renell to that and fo; to go to tell.

The tyme came this olde Soudannelle Ozdapned bath this feeft of whiche I toide Ind to the feeft Christen men drife In generall bothe pong and olde

#### The manof lawestale.

There thap men tialte/ and lefte beholde Jub peputes / mo than I can beutle But all to bere! they bought it ere they tyle.

D lobern weithet euer artfuctesour
To worldelp bliss : sprepnt with bytternesse
The ende of thetore and of our worldly labour
Tho occuppeth the spn of our glavnesse
Berken this counsell for the streetse
Thou the glad day I have in the mende
The bumare worthat cometh the behands.

for Chorip to tell st o worde
The Cowdan and the christen euerichone
Ben all to hewen and fribed at the borde
But it were onely dame Custaunce alone
This olde fowdonnelle curled crone
Dath wi her frendes there I don this curled bede
for the herfelfe wolde all the countre lede.

Ac there was Surrepn none pt was couerted that of the council of the Sowdan wore That he nas all to hewen of he aftered and Cuffaunce have taken anone full hote. Ind in a flopp flereles goo it wore. They have her fet and byd her lerne to layle. Out of Surrepe agapt wards into Itaple.

Acertepn treasour that the theore lebbe
And sothe to sapa bitapil great piente
They have her peue sand clothes eke the habbe
And forthe she sapled in to the salt see
my Custaunce full of benignite
emperours pong boughter bere
De that is lopbe over fortune be the flere.

She blelled berland with full pitous bops Unto the croffe of Chaill thus land the O clere of Chaill thus land the O clere of welefull auter holy crops Reed of the lambes blode full of patte (bat wellbelt the wealbefto olde iniquite Opero the fende I and fro his clawes kepe Chat day that I chall brenche in the depe.

Che where lambes that harr was with a spece

of whiche the ignes feethfully extende

peresand dapes/fleet this creature
Throwe out the fee of greke/in to the frapte
Of Parroke/ as it was ber aventure
Omany a fory meell may the bayte
After herbethe/full oft may the wayte
Or that the wylve wawes wolde her dryue
Tinto the place/where that the thall arryue.

Menmegh alkel who lhe was nat llapne Eke at the felte who moght her bodp laue and I answere to that demaunde agapte who saued wantell in the horrible caue There euery woght were he mailter or knaue was with the loon fret or he aftert.

Ao woght but god/that the bate in her beet.

Bob lpft to theweibis wonderfull miracle Inberifoz we fhulde le his mpghty werkes Chaift that is of euerp harme triacle Be certapn meanes is knowen clerkes Dothe thing! that for certapn endefull beck is Comannes werthat for our Ignoraumce Ac can nat knowe/his prudent puruepsunce.

Aowelith that the nasiat the fefte plans
who kepte her fro denching in the fee
who kepte Jonas in the fully mame
This was spouted out at Aprilie
well map men knowe it was no wight but he
That kepte the people hebrarke fro denching
with director through out the fee passing.

Who hath the foure spirites of tempelt (Chat power have to annopen lande and see Bothe Aouth and South well and Celt Annopeth nepther lande house in tree Sothly the comaunder of that was he Chat for the tempeliay this woman kepte Is well whan she woke las whan she slepte.

Tohere mpght this woman meate a dippnk haus Thie pere and moze / lasteth her bitaple Who febbe the Egipcian Barp in the caue Din desertinone but Chillsums faple fpue thousande folke itt was great meruaple with loues fpue and fpshes two to febe God sente his fopsoniat her great nede.

#### Theman of lawestale

Thosowe out our wplde feet tyll at the last under an holde that nempne I ne can fer in Anathumberlande; the wawes ber cast and in the lande the ship sticked fo fast what thense wolde it not all that tyde The wyll of Chais was therefore the shift was the color aby be

The constable of the castell downs is fare
Cole this waske I and all the shyp he lought
Ind fonde this wery woman full of care
De sonde also the treasour that she brought
In her langage I mercy she belought
The lyse out of her body for to two nne
Der to delyuer out of h wo that she was gine.

I maner laten corrupt/was her speche
But algates there by was the buberstande
The constable, whan hym lyst no lenger seche
This wosull woman/brought he to lande
She kneleth bowne / a thanketh christes sande
But what the was/ the wolde to no mansere
for soule ne sayze/though the shulde depe.

She lapt the was to maled in the fee That the forgather mynde by her trouthe The confiable hath of her to great pyte And ekehis wyfe that wepen fore for routhe She was to britigent i without flouths To face and pleafe i everithe in that place That all her love that token in her face.

The constable and dame Hermegilothis wyle were paynyms and that countre every where But Hermegilde loved her ryght as her lyfe and Custamee hath to long/plotourned there In oxision/ with many a better rease Tyll Jesus hath converted through his grace Dame Hermegilde, the constabless of place.

In all that lande/no christen duelte reute Ill christen men be fledde fro that countre Chrough pappyms/that conquered all aboute The royaline 188 well by lande as be fee To Wales than fledde the christianite Of olde Britons/dwelling in that Jie Chere was no refute for the means why le.

But petnere chriften Britons fo erileb

Donour o Chatft and bethen folke benfled And ni gh the caftell suche there o welled that Chat one of hem was blonde and myght nat le But it were with tholke even of his monde with whiche they seen after men be blonde.

Bipght was the sonnel as in somers cap for which the tonstable land his wyfe also And Custaunces hard take the ryghtwap Cowarde the seela furlonge way or two Coplayer and to romen to and fro And in this walke the bipnde man they mette Croked and older with eyen fast places

In the name of Chailt expedities baiton Dame Dermegildelveue me mp fpgit agapn This ladp war afrand of that foun Left that ber hulbande thours for to forn wolde her for Jefus Chailtes lose have deput Tpl Custauce made her bold. That her wirche The wyll of Chailt as boughter of holy chieche

The constable werte abalihed of that light And lapd what amounteth all this fane Custaüce answerd lieft is Christes in 1964 That helpeth folker out of the fendes lack And lo fer forther she gan out lawe beciere That the the constable or it were oue Courted hath and on Christ made hym beleum

This costable was nothing look of this place of whiche I spake there he Custaunce fonds But kepte it strongly many writers space Under Alla king of all Administration of this hands April was full write and worthy of his hands April the Scottes I as men may well here But tourne again I will to my matter.

Sathan that ever be wapteth to beggte Same of Custaunce: all the perfection And cast anous shows he night quite her while And made a pong kinght dwelling in f tour Loue her so hote of fouls affection That veryly shom thought he shall spill But he of her ones myght have his will.

She woweth her/but it auspleth nought The wolde do no lyane by no way Und for dispites be compassed in his thought To make her bushamefull dethe to dep

# The man of lawes tale.

De marteth whanthe conflable is away End princip on a neght be crepte In Dermegibes chambre/whiles the flepte.

Werp forwaked in ber oxions
Stepeth Desmegilve i and Cultaunce allo
Chis knyght i through Sathanas temptaciós
Il Cotty its i to the bed ygo
Ind kutte the throte of Bermegylve a two
Ind lepbe the blody knyfe by Dame Cultaüce
Ind wet his way there i god yeue his michaice

Some after cometh the collable home agapne Ind eke Illa ! that was kong of the lande Ind lawe his worke dispitously slepne for whome he wepte! and wrong his hande Ind in the bed the blody knyfe he fonde By dame Custaunce! allas! what myght she say.

To kpng Ila was toloe/all this milchaunce Ind the tyme and where and easthe wple That in a lipp was founde this Cultaunce Is here before pe me have herde beuple The kpnges bert/of ppte gan arple Whan he lawe the benigne creature fall in byleale / and in milauenture.

for as the lambe to warde his dethe is brought so frant this innocent afore the king Chis falle knight if bath this treason wrought Bereth her in bande i the bath bo this thing But natheles there was great mourning. Imong the people is sayben they can nat gells Chat he had boils great a wickebneffe.

for thep have fey ber fener fo bertuoule Ind louping Dermegilde right as ber lpfe Of this bare witheller enerithe in that houle Sauche that flewe Dermegilde with the kingle Chis gentpli king/bath raught a great motife Of this wintellerand thought be wolde enquere Depet in this cale and trouthefor to lere.

Mas Cuftaunce/thou baft no champion Ae fright canft thou nat / fo welaway But he that Bacte/for our cedempcion Bonde Sathan/ and yet leth there he lay De be thy Groug champton this day

for but if craft open miracle kyths without gylt/thou Chait be Capne as fwithe.

Shelet her boune on her knees/s thus the layb Immortall god/that lauedple Sulanne for falle blame and thou mercefull mapbe Barp I means / boughter of laynt Inne Before whole chylbe / angelies long Dlanne If I be gyltlelle of this felonge Wan locour be/or elles I that bpe.

Daue pe nat le lomtpme a pale face Imong aprecesof hom that hath be labbe Cowarde his beth/where he geteth no grace Ind luche a colour in his face he had Den moght knowe his face/that was bellad Imong all the faces in that route So front Custaunce/and loketh her aboute.

D quenes ipueng i whylom in profperite Bucheffes i and pe ladpes euerichane Dauelome routhe ion her aduerlite. In emperours doughter front alone the wot nat to whom to make her mone blode royall that frandest in this brede fer ben thy frendes at the great nede.

This Mis kpng/bath luche compation
Is gentplibert its fullyfled of pptie
That from his epeniesn the water bowne
Aowe haltelpigo fet a boke quob be
Ind if this knpght/woll (were that the
Bath this woman aspne/pet wpli we be suple
whome that we wpil I fhalbe out Julice.

I briton boke / written with the enangelles
"Was fer and there on he (wore anon
he gplep was and in the meane whyles
In hande hym (mot/byon the necke bone
That bowne he fyll at onps as a frone
and bothe his epen/breft out of his face
In lyght of enery body in that place.

I bopce was herbeitin generall aubience
And layo thou balt diclaunter gyiths
The boughter of boly church in hygh prefence
Thus halt thou bone and pet I holde my pers
of this meruapiliagali was all the press
Is maled folke they fronden energebone
for dreds of wreche laur Cultaunce sions.

## The manof lawest?

Ocat was the debeland che the repentaunce
Of hem/thathad wrong suspection
Thon this selp innocente Custaunce
And for this myracle/in conclusion
And by Custaunces meditacion
The kyng/and many another in that place
Converted was/thanked be Christes grace.

This falle knyght was flapne/foz his bntrouth Bp sugement of the king Allahaftely Ind pethath Custauce/of his beth great routh And after this/ Jelus of his mercy Pade Alla / to wedden full folemply This holp mayben that is to beyght and thene And thus hath Chasti made Custauce a quene.

But who was wofull/if I (hall native
Of this wedding but Donngelde and no mo
The kinges moder / full of trannie
Der thought her curred hert braft a two
She noise nat her (one had do so
Der thought a despite that he (hulde take
So straunge a creature i boto his make.

Melylinat of the chaf i ne of the fire Makelo long a talei as of the come What shuloe I telli of the traite Of this mariage to whiche cours goth before Who bloweth in a trompe i or who in a home They frute of curry talei is for to say They ete and dranke baunce spage and pley.

They go to bebbe las it is fkyll and ryght for though that wruce i beiult holy thynges They must take in pacient at nyght Suche manernecestaryes las ben pleasynges To folke that have webbed hem with rynges and ley a sycelisher holynesse a specarity tyme it may none other betyte.

Onher he begatela man chploe anon And to a vollhop and to his confiable che De toke his wpfe to kepe whan he is gon Co Scotland warde his formen for to feke Mome farze Cuftauce that is fo humble a meke So long is gon with chploe in that if !!! She kept her chambre abidying Chaffes wpit

The tyme is come la man chyloe the beet spauritius/at the fontitone they bym call

This cr. mable/bothe forthe come a mellanger And w of buto this kpug / that cleped was alle Dow that this bliffull tidpingesis be fall And other thringes, whiche was neverall to lap be takerh his letter/and forth he gothe his way.

This mellanger to do his auauntage Unto the konges moder, epoeth he swothe Ind falueth her fapze im his langage Dadame quod he pe map be glad and bloth Ind thanken god an hundred thoulande byth App lady the quene hath this withouten dout To tope and bliffe of all this regne aboute.

Lo here the letters lealed of this thing That I must berein all the half I mag. If pe will dught to your lone the king I am your leruaunt bothe night and day Bonegelde answerd as nowe at this time nay But here all night. I wolde thou toke this rest. Comozowe I woll say the what me leste.

This mellanger dranke lably ale and wome And ftolen were his letters princip Out of his bor, whyles he flepte as a swood Ind courreferted was full subtilly Another lettre wrought full spatially Unto the bying directed of this matere Fro his couldable as ye may after here.

The letter spake the quene belpuered was
Of so horrible a fendly creature
That in the castell none so hardy was
There no while any weight neight endure
The moder was an elphe by auentuce
promen by charmes or by sorrery
And every weight hateth her company.

Wit to no wyght be tolde his letter had leen But to no wyght be tolde his lozowes loze But of his owne hande he wast agen welcome the loude of Chaill to; euermoze To me that am new elemed in this lozs Lozde welcome be thy luft and thy plesaunce ally luft I put all in thyme ozdenaunce.

And eke mp wyfe buto mynchome compng Chift whan belyft may fende me an bepte Doze agreable than this to my likpng.

## The man of lamestale.

This letterhe lealeth/ pypucly mepping motebe to the mellanger/ was ptakefone and fathe he gothe/there is nomoze to bone

o melangerifuliplied with bronkenelle
Stronge is the bette! the lemes flateren ape
and thou bempepelt all lecretnelle.
Che mende is lose! thou tangles as a Jape
Che face is turned! as in a newe aray
Chere bronkenelle regueth in any route
Chere is no councell hepte! it is no boute

Donegeibe | Thave none engly the digne unto the malice and the terampe and the terigne and the terigne Let hem embeten of the trastoure fre manny the ipe: O nay by god I ipe fre fendly (piritife; I dare well tell Though thou here walke the (pirit is in bell

This mellanges cometh/ fro the hyng agapne.
Ind at the hynges mothers court he lyght
Ind the was of this mellanger full fapne.
Ind pleafed hym in all that ever the myght
he dranke and well his gyrbell buder pyght
he flepeth and be indrethin his gyfe
Ili nyght tyll the forme gan arple.

After were his letters ftolen euerichone And countrefepted lettres in this wofe The april commundeth his confrable anone On pepne of hangping and on bygh Juftice That he ne shulve suffre in no wose Custaunce in his regne for to abybe The dapes i and a quarter of a tybe.

But in the fame (hpp | as he her fonde
Der and her pong fone and all her gere
De thulbe put and croude fro the londe
Ind charge her that the come neuer eft there
O my Cuftaunce well map thy ghoft haue feer
Ind fleppen in thy dreme by penaunce
Whan Sonegelde cafteth all this ordenaunce.

This mellanger on mozowe whan he woke The the castell holdeth the nert way Ind whan that he this pytous lettre say full often he say alas and welaway

Lozde chail quob bei ho we may this woald en-

Ompghty god/ if that it be thy wyll
Sythen thou art epghtful Jugeihow may it be
Chat thou wolt fuffee tumocence to fpyll
Ind wicked folke/regne in prospecite
O good Custaunce/alasiso wo is me
Chat I mot be thy tournentour/or elles bey
Onshamfull dethe/there is none other way

ibeppen bothe olde and pong in that place
ibhan that the kpng/ this cutied lettre lent
Ind Custaunce with a bedy pall face
The way towarde the shop she went
But neuerthelesse she shop and entent
The wyll of chais / and knelpng on the Gronde
She sayd ap / welcome be thy sonde.

De that me kepte / fro the falle blame
Thyles that I was on the landersmonges you
De can me kepe/fro harme and ekefro thams
In the falte fee/all though pe fenat howe
Is frong as ever he was/ he is pet nowe
In bym I trufter and in his moder bers
That is to me mp faple/and the my freets.

Der lytell chpide / lay wepping in her aeme And knelping / pytoully to hom the layd Dees lytell chpide / I woll do the none harme With that the kerchpefitrom her beed the brayd And ouer his lytell epen (the it layd And in her arme / the lulleth it full falle And but o heuen / by her epen the calle.

Mober quod the and maybe bypght Marpe soth is that throwe womans egment Mankpade was loft and dampned ever to bye for whiche the chyloe was on the croffe to cent the bleffull even lawe all this tourment Than is there no compartion between then wo and any wo that man may lufteens.

Thou lawe the chelte llapners fore then even Ind pet nowe leveth/me tetell chelte perfay Aowe lade breght/to whome all full crien Thou glore of womanhed/thou fapre map Thou haven of refute / breght flerre of day lacke on me childe/that of the gentelles the well on cuery rewfull indilitale.

## Themanoflawe laic.

Dlyte chpide/alas what is the gylte That neuer wrought fynne/as pet parde 10hp wyll thy harde fader/haue the spylte Dinercy/and dere Constable quod she Is let my lytle chylde/ dwell here with the Ind if thou datest nat/saue him fro blame To kylle him ones/in his faders name

Therwith the loketh bacwarde to the londe
Ind (atd) farewell hulbande couthles
Ind bp the ryth walked downe the fronde
Towarde her thyp/her followeth all the pices
Ind ever the prayeth her child to hold his pices
Ind taketh her leave/ with an holy entent
She bliffeth her/and in to the thip the went

Alptapled was the Chypit is no drede habundauntly for her longe space and other necessaryes that shulbe nede she had ynowe heryed by goddes grace for wynde weder almighty god purchace and bringe her home I can no better say But in the see the driveth forth the way.

Lia the hyng cometh lone after this

I muto his castell of whiche I tolde

Ind asked where his wife in this child is

The constable gan about his herte to colde

Ind pleynip all the maner he him tolde

Is pe have herde I can it telle no better

Ind sheweth the hinges seale in his letter

Ind layd lozde/as pe comaunded me On payne of bethe/lo have I do certayn This mellanger/ turmented was tyll be Sould be knowe/and tell plat and playn fro night to nyght/what place be had in layne Ind thus he with lubtyle enquiryng Imagyned was by who this harm gan lyzing

The hande was knowen of the letter west
And all the benym! of this curied dede
But in what wple/certagnly I not
The effecte is this/that Alla out of dede
his moder (lough/that men may playnly rede
for that the traytour was to her ligeaunce
Thus ended olde Donegelde with inylchance

The forowe that this Alla night and bay Maketh for his myfe and for his chyloe allo

The ce is no tonge that it tell may Bic nowe well I to Custaunce go That seteth in the Cee with paper and wo figure pere and more as liked Crists sonde De that her ship approched to any londe

Under an bethen castell at the last
The whiche the name nat in my tert I fonde
Custaunce and eke her chylde the see by cast
Almighty god/that saued all mankynde
Haue on Custaunce & her chylde some inpude
That fallen is in hethen honde eftsone
In poynt to spylle as I shall tell you sone

Down fro p castell cometh ther many a wight To gauren on this [hpp] a on Custaunce But [hortly fro the castell on a nyght The lordes stewarde god pefe him myschauce a these that had renged out creating.
Came in to the shpp alone I layo he sholde her lemman be whether the wolde or note.

Tho was this wretched woman wo begon her childe creed and the crede perculle But bleffed Dary holpe ber right anon for with her froglynge well a myghtely. The thefe full over the borde all todenly. And in the fee he dreput tor vengeaunce. And thus hath Crift buwerned kept Cuftages.

O foule luft of lururye lo thone ende
A at onely that thou feyntest mannes mynde
But veryly thou wolt his body f hende
Thende of thy werke of of thy lustes blynde
Is copleying how many one may men fynde
That naught for werke lotyme but for thereas

Pow may this weake woman have fiftength Per to defende ayent the renegate D Colias bunneturable of length Dowe might David make the comate So ponge of armure and to defolate Howe durft he loke byon thy face thell may mentene it is but goddes grace

Who gave Jubeth corage or hardynells. To fle hom Diofernus in his tent.

#### The man of lawes tale.

The people of god/ ] lay to this entent
E hat ryght as god/lipitit and bygour lent
To hem/ flaued hem out of mylchaunce
So lent he drength & bygour buto Cultance

forth goth her Chip/throughout f narow mou Of Jubalter/and lepte driumg alway (the Comtyme well/a somtyme northe and south and somtyme ell/full many a weep day Tyll Crystes moder/yblesed be the are Sath Chapen/thorowe her endlesse goodnesse To make an ende of all her henynesse

Aowelet be fignte of Cultauce but a throwe And fpeke we of comagns the emperour That out of Surreibath be letters knowe The flaughter of cepften folke to of honour Done but o his doughter by a fals traptour I meane the curfed a wycked lowdonnelle That at the feelt let lee bothe more and leffe

For whiche this Emperour/hath Centanon
Dis Cenatour with royall ordenaunce
and other lordes god wote many on
On Custyens/to take bygh bengeaunce
They brenne & Clee/& bring hem to mylchauce
full many a day/but Chortly this is the ende
Domwarde to Kome/they Chapen hem to webs

This fenatour repayzeth with byctopp To Bome warde faplinge full royally and met the flop dringing as fapth of those In whiche Custaunce face full peroully Botheng knewe be what he was ne why the was in such arap that he nyll see of ber afface though the bulbe bep

De bringeth her to Kome to his wpfe
De pate her to her and her ponge sonne also
And with the senatoure she lad her lyfe
Chus can our lady bringe out of wo
Custaunce and many another mo
And longe tyme dwelled she in that place
In holy werkes euer was her grace

The lenatours wyfe/her aunte was But for all filbe knewe her neuer the more I wall no lenger tary in this caas But to kpage Alla/which: I lpake of your for his wyfe wepeth/and lygheth lore

I well retourne and let I well Cuffaunce

king Alla whiche p had his moder lapu alpon a day foll in suche expentaunce And if I shortly tell shall and playne To Roine he comethico recepue his penasce And put him in the popes ordynaunce In high and lowe/a Jesu ceyst besought foryeue his wicked work; be hath wrought

The fame anone/through Kome is borne Howe Alia kyng/thall come a pylgrimage By herbegeours/that wenten hym beforne for whiche the fenatour/as was the vlags Rode hym apenti/and many of his lynage As well to the wen his magnifycence as to bone any kynge reuerence

Great chere bothe this noble lenatour To kpinge Mlaland he to hym allo Euerp of hem dothe to other great honour And lo befyll that on a day or two This lenatour is to kping Alla go To feel thordy if I half nat the Cultauces lonne/went in his company

Some men wold laplat frequelt of Cultaice This lenatour had led this childe to feek may nat tell euery circumstaunce Be as be may there was he at the leest But lothe is is right at his moders heest Beforne Alla duryng the meate space The childe stode lokyng in the kynges face

Alla the kpng/ of this chyloe bath great wodes
And to the lenatout/he layd anone
Whole is this fayze chyloe/p frondeth pondes
Inot quod he/bp god and by laint John
A mother he hath/but fader hath he none
That Jof wote/and Choztly in a frounde
He tolde Alla/howe the chyloe was founds

But god wote/quod this lenatour allo So bertuous alpuer/in all mp lpfe Relawe I neuer as the/ne herde of mo Of worldly women/ may be word word word bare well fay the had lever with a knyfe Throughout her breft/than be a woman works There is no man coude bring her is the prike

# Themanoflawe .a.c.

Aowe was this childers like buto Cultance
Is polloble is a creature for to be
This Alla hath the face in remembraunce
Of dame Cultaunce and theron muled be
If that the childes moder were ought the
That is his wife a prival he light
And (ped him fro the table that he might

Parfay quod heithe fanton is in my heed Jought to demelof rightfull rugement That in the latte feelmy wofe is deed and afterwarde he made his argument what wote Jif Cryft have her hyther fent Ap woff by feelas well as he her fent To my countrey fro thens that the went

And after anone/home with the lenatour Gothe Alla/to le this wonder chaunce This lenatour/dothe Alla great honour And haltely he lent after Custaunce But trust well/her lust nat to daunce Whan I he work/ wherfoze was that sonde Unnethes boon her fete/might the stonde

Whan Alla lawe his wyfe/fapze he her grette And wepte/that it was routhe to le foz at first loke/that he on her lette He knewe veryly/that it was the And the foz lozowe/as dombe standeth as a tre So was her herte/thyr in her dystresse Whan the remembred his unknownelle

Twyle the two wned in his owne fight
he wepte thim excused pytously
howe god of he tall his halowes bright
ho well your my foule have mercy
That of your harine as gyltteste am I
as is my sonne Mauryce to tyke your face
Els the fende me fetche out of this place

Longe was the lobbyinge/I the bytter pepne Gre that her wofull herre myght lece Great was the pyte/fox to here hem pleyn Thorow whiche pleyntes/gan her wo encrece I prape you all/my laboure to relece I may nat tell her wo/butyll to morowe I am lo wery/fox to locke of lorowe

But fynally/whan the lothe is wyll That Alla gyltlelle is of her wo

It we an hundred tymes they hyde ar of cuche a bliffe is there bytwir hem two that faue the top that lafteth ever mo where nys none lyke that any creature hather or that whyles the worlde may dure

Tho praybe f he her hulbande mekely
That in relefe of her prious perne
That he wolde pray her fader specyally
That of his magefte he wolde enclyne
To bouchelafe sombay with him to dyne
She prayeth hymeke he shulde by no way
Unto her fader no worde of her say

Some man wolde lepn of the childe Dautyce Doth this mellage but o the Emperous But as I gelle Alla was not lo nyce To hym! that is lo louereyn of honour As he that is lofctyftes folke the flour Sente any chylde but it is best to deme. He went hymselfe and so it may well seme

This emperour bath graunted gentylly To come to dyner/as he him belought Ind well I suppose he loked busyly Upon this chylde/a on his doughter thought Illa gothe buto his inne/a as hym ought Itayed for this feelf in enery wyle Is farforthe as his connyng may suffyle

The mozowe came | Illa gan hom Dielle Ind eke his wyfeithis emperout for to mete Ind forthe they tyden in 100 I in gladnelle Ind whan the lawe her fader in the firete The lyghted downe | I falleth hom to fece I ader of the your yonge chylde Cultainice Is nowe full clene; out of your remembrance

Jampour doughter Custaunce quod the That whylom pe have sent in to Surrye It am I fader that in the salte see was put alone and dampned so; to dye Rowe good fader mercy I you crye Sende me nomoze into none bethanesse But thanketh my lozde here of his kyndnesse

Who can the pytous toge tell all Bytwir bem this lightness they be thus met But of my tale make an ende I shall The day gothe fast I wyll no lenger lette fit.

# The marchaimtes prologe.

Thele giad folke/ to byner be plette In top & blille/at meate I let hem dwell I thoulande folde/ well more than I can tell

This chpide Paurice/was lithe emperous pmade by the pope/a lpued christenly Co Crites churche/dpb he greathoneur But I let all these thores palle by Of Custaunce/is my tale specially In elde comagne testes/men map well synds Pauricius tyle/I bere it nat in nighte

Than king Alla/whan be his tyme lay
10th Custaunce/his holy wyfe to lwcte
To Englande ben they come the right way
Where as they lyuen in toy 7 in quyete
But lytell while it lasted/I you behete
I oy of this worlde/but tyme wyll nat abyde
fro day to night/it chaungeth as the tyde

Toho tpueth euer in luche belgte a bap
That ne meued eyther in confcience
D; ite o; talent o; fome bymes affray
Enuge o; p; ibe o; paffion o; offence
Inc fap but fo; the ende of this fentence
That tyteil whyle in top o; plefaunce
Lafteth the lyfe of alla with Cultaunce

for bethithat taketh of hye flowe his rent abhan palled was a pereleupn as I gelle Out of this worlde this king Alla is went for whom Cuftauce hath full great beupnelle Rowe pray we to god his foule blelle And dame Cuftaunce fpnally to fap Cowarde the towns of Konic goth her way

And forme is come this holy creature
And fondeth her frendes there hate a founde
A owe is the scaped all her avenue
And whan the her fader hath prounde
Downe on her knees falleth to grounde
Thepmg in herre for tendernelle blithe
The herpeth god a hundred thousande sithe

In bertue and in holy almelle bebe
They liven all a never a londer wende
Thil bethe beparted hem this lyfe they lebe
And fareth nowe well my tale is at an ende
Bowe Jelus crift of of his myght may lende

Hope after wolgenerne bs. in his grace Ind kepe bs allithat ben in this place.

Chere endeth the man of lawes tale and begynneth the marchauntes prologe.

Eping & wapling care & other lozo we J hanc pnough/both tuen & che a mozo w Quod p marchaut/4 lo haue other mo That wedded bei I trowe that it be fo for well I wote it fareth lo by me A hauc a wyfeithe worlte that may be To: though the fende/ coupled to bet were he wold him ouermatche Toate well fwet. what (bulde I pou reberce in specyall Der hygh malyce the is a threwe at all There is a longe and a large opfference Briwir Brylides great pacience and of my wyfe the paffpage cruelte Were I bnbounde also mote I the I wolde neuer efte come in the fnace the webbed men fpue in forowe and care Mare who to well and be thall fende That I fay foth by faint Thomas of price As for the more parte | I lay nat all God (hplde that it (bulde fo befall I good (pr bofte/ I baue roebbed be Thele monthes two/3 moze nat parbe And pet I trowe be that all his lyfe Hath wedded be though men him cpfe Into the herte ne coude in no manere Tell fo moche fozowe/as I nowe bere Coude tell of mp wpues curfednelle Aow or our booft marchaut lo god pou bleffe Son pe lo mpkle knowe of that arte full hercely I pray poutell be parte Clatte quot beibut ofmen a wne fore for lory herte I tell map no more.

prologe and here foloweth his tale.

Dylom ther was owelling in Lubardy I worthy knight p borne was at paup In which he lyued in great prosperyte Ind.lr.perela wpfeleffe man was be Ind folowed ape/his bodily delpte On women there was his appetpte Is Done thefe foles that ben feculer And whan that he was paffed.lr.pere Wete it foz holpnelle oz foz Dotage T can nat fap but fuche a great cozage Hab this knyght to be a webbed man That day and night he bothe all that be can To aspre where he might wedded be Diapeng our loade graunt hym that he Dyaht ones knowe that blyffull lyfe That is brewir an hulbande a his wrfe Ind for to lyue buder the holy bonde With whiche god fielt man a womande bonde Aone other lyfe faid helis worth a bene for wedloke is to eaty and to clene That in this worlde it is a paradyle Thus lapd this olde unight p was lo wyle And certapniplas fothe as god is kping To take a wyfe is a glozious thyng and namely whan a man is olde a hoze Than is a wpfe the frupte of his treasoie Than (hulde he take a yonge wyfe a a fer ze On whiche he might engendze him an bepze And leade his lyfe in toy and in Cotale Where as thefe bachelers (yngen/ alas Whan that they fonde any aduerly te In love/whiche aps but choldes varyte Ind trewly it for well to be fo That bachelers have ofte pepue and wo On brotyll grounde they bylde / a brotylneffe They fonde fregite whan they were like the le They lyue but as a birde og a beeft In lyberte and bnoer none accest There ag a wed ded man in his affate Lpueth big lyfe blyffull and ozopnace Under the poke of mariage phounde Well map his bette in top a bipffe habounde for who can be lo burum as a wrfe 10ho is Co trewe and eke fo ententyfe Co kepe bim licke & bole and is his make for wele or worthe well nat him forlake She is nat wery hom to loue aferue Though that be le bedzede tell be fterue Ind pet forme clerkes ap /it is nat fo

Of whiche he Theophaste is one of tho

Wh a forfe though Theophraft lofte fre A take no worke quod he for hulbandive 3 sfor to space in housholde then expence trewe leruaunt bothe moze byligence The good to kepe than both the lelfe wefe for ( be well clapme halfe parte all ber lefe Ind if that thou belicke lo goo me laue The bery frendes of a trewe kname ibyll kepe the bet than (be o wayteth ape After thy bethe and bath bo many a day This Centence 1 an bundled thinges wuche Writeth this man there god his bones curle But take no kepe of luche vanpte Dofre Theophialt and berken me I wofe is goodes vefte veryly all other maner peftes hardely Islandes rentes pastures or comune Demouables all ben peftes of to:tune That paffen as a hadowe on a wall But brede nat if & playaly fpeke Chall I wyfe well laft tin bis boule endure Well lenger than the lyfte perauenture Matrage is a full great factament Who hath no wole is but thent Re lpueth helples and is all defolate I fpeke of folke in leculer aftate and harben why I lay nat this for nought The woman is for mannes belpe y wrought The high goo L ban be bad Idam maked Ind fawe him a lone bely naked God of his great goodnesse land than Let be nowe make an belpe to this man Like to him felfe and than be made Eue Dete map pe fe and bereby map ve preue That a wyfe is mannes beloe. I bis comfort Dis paradyle terrefire and his dupois So burum and fo bertuous is the They muft nedes lyue in bnyte D fleffbe ther be and of o blode I geffe Aot but one bert in woll and in diffrife I wpfelalaynt Mary benedicite Howe might a man haus any advertige That bath a wyfe certes I can pat fep The blyffe that is brewie bem twee There may no tonge tell it o: berte thenke If he be poore the helpeth him to Cwenke She kepeth bis good a mafteth it neuer a beis Ind all that her bulbande left the leketh wele the layeth nat ones nay whan be layth pe Do this layth he all redy ly; layth the

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D bipfiell apage o wedloke precious Thou acte fo mery and the fo bertuous And to comended and appoucd the That every man i pholte him worthe a leke Tipon bis bace bnces ought all his lpfc Thanken his goo that him lent a wyfe Dzels pap goo/him foz to fende A wpferto latte bnto bis lpues ende fo; than bislyte islet infybernelle De may nat be Difcepued as I gelle So that be worker after his wrucs reed Than map be boldip beare up his heed They be to treme and therto ele to wyle for whiche if thou wolt worche as the wife Do alway as the woman well the rede Lobowe Jacob as their clerkes rede 25 p good countaple of his moder Kebecke Bonde the kyodes farn about his necke fo: whiche bis fabers benplon be wan Lo Juberh as the flogy well tell can 26 p wyle coulavle the goddes people kept Ind flewe bim Diofernus whyle beflept Lo how Ibraarle by good confaple that the Sauco ber hulbande Aaball whan that he Shulbe haue be l'lapne Aloke Defter allo 28 p good countagle belguered out of wo The people of god and made Mardoche Of Miluere en baunled fo; to be There is no thong in gre luperlatre Is layth Senck about an humble wyfe Suffre the weues tonge as Caton bet he Chall comaude and thou Chalt luffre it Ind pet the well obep of curtefpe I wofe is keper of the bulbandape Well may the licke man bewayle and wepe Thereas no wyfe is the house to kepe I warne the lifthou wriely welt weiche Loue well the wyfe as Crift loueth his chirch If thou loueft the felfe thou loueft the wefe Ao man bateth bis dellbe but in bis lpfe De foltreth it and therfore byode I the Cheriffe the wefero, thou f halt neuer the Dufbande a wpfe/what lo men cape or play of worldely folke bolden the lyker way They ben knytithere may no harme bety de And namely boon the wyues (poe for whiche this January of whiche I tolde Confrosed bath within his dayes olde The luft lyfe the bertuous quiete That is in maryage hony lwete

Ind for his frendes on a dap be lent To tell bem the effects of his entent with face lad be bath his tale to bem tolde De land frendes ] am hom and olde Ind almost god wote at my pyttes brinke Tipon my foule fom what must I thynke Thave my body foldy diffended Bic fed bl. god it Chall be amended for I wolde be certapne a wedded man And that anone in all the halte that I can Unto Come may de fapre Atcuder of age prap pou Chapeth for my mariage All Codenly for I wpli nat abyde And I well fonde to alope on my lyde To whome I may be wedded haftely But for as moche as pe be more than & pe (hull tather fuche a thynge cfppen Than I and where me loft best alpen But o thinge I warne you imp frendes dere I well none olde wefe haue in no manere She thall nat palle. rbi. pere certapne Dide follh & pong dellh woll I have full fapn Bet is layo he a pyke than a pykercel Better than olde befelis the tender beck I wyll no woman of rrr. yere of age It is but bene frame and great forage Indeke thefe olde wydowes god it wote They canne so mykle crafte in wades bote so mykle broken harme tohan hem lyft That with hem thulbe I neuer tpue in reft for land, y lcoles maketh lubtyle clerkes Woman of many a scole halfe a clerke is But certapuly a ponge thing may men gre Right as a man with handes warm were pipe Therfore I lap you playnly in a clause I well none olde wyfe have for this caule for the were if I had luche mylchaunce That I in her coude have no pleafaunce Than shulde I lede my lyfe in auoutrye Ind to free ghe to p opuell whan I ope Rechylozen Chulde I nom on her geten pet had I leuer houndes had me eaten Than that myn herptage Chulde fall In straunge hande a thus I tell pou all Joote nat I wote the cause whp Men Chulde wedde A ferthermoze wote 7 There (peketh many men of mariage That wore no more of it than bothe mp page To which causes menthulbe take a wrfe If he may nat lyuen chast his lyfe

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Take him a wpfel with great benocion Bycaule of lefull procreacion Of chylozen/to the honour of god about Ind nat onelp for paramour ne for loue Ind for thep Chulde lechery elchue Ind pelde her det whan that it is due D: for that eche of hem [ hulde helpe other In mischiefe as the fulter shall the brother Ind lyue in chaftyte full holyly Butfires by your leave that am nat 7 for god bethanked | Dare make auaunt I fele mp lymes fracke and fufficiaunt To Do all that a man belongeth to Ind am ftronge phough to tyde or go Though I be hoze face as dothe a tre That blolometh or that frute yworen be I blofomed tre is nepther Die ne Deed I fele me no where hore but on my beed Ady herte and all my lymmes ben as grene As Laurer that tho lowe the pere is lene Ind lithnes ye have berde all myn entent I pray you that to my well pe affent Of opuers men opuerly hym tolde Dimariage many enfamples olde Some blamed it fome prapfed it certagne But at the lafte Choetly for to Cayne As all day falleth altercacion 23 ytwir frendes in disputacion There fyll a ftrpfe bytwir his betheme two Of whiche that one was cleped Placebo Justinus Cothly called was that other Placebo Capo o January brother Tull lytell nede had ye my lozde to dete Countaple to are of any that is here But that ye be one to full of lapyence That you ne loketh for your high prubence To we pue fro the worde of Salomon This worde faid he to be euerychon Worke all thringe by countagle thus faid he Ind than Chalte nat thou repente the But though Dalamon Cpake luche a worde Myn owne bere brother and my lorde So wplety god my foute bringe at reft I holde pour owne countable to; the best for brother myne of me take this motyte I have nowe be a courtman all my lyfe And pet god wote though I unworthy be Thave frande in full great & hpe begte Aboute lozbes in full great affate pet had I neuer with none of bem debate

I neu contrarped bem trebly I wite well/that my lozde can moze than T 10 at that he layth I holde it ferme & Stable I up the same or other typinge semblable A full great fole is any countaylour That sexueth a lozde of high honour That bare prefume or ones thombe it That his coutable fulbe palle his loades wit Pap lozoes be no foles by my tap pe haue pour leife spoken here to Day So broth lentence to boly and to well That I confent and confernie euery Del pour wordes and all pour opynion 23p goothere is no man in this town Mein Frante coude beiter haue land Crift holdeth bim of this full well papte And trewly it is an hygh colage Of any man that ftept is in age Cotake a ponge wyfe for by my faber hi pour hert hangeth bpon a tolp pon Dothenowe in this mater as pouleft fo: finally I bolde it to: the belt

Tustinus that are fate full styll a beebe Right on this wple he to Placebo and mer Aowe brothet mone q be be pacient & prap som pe haue laid herken what Tlan Sench amonge other wordes wple Sarth y a man ought him right wellauple To whom he reueth his lande or his carell And frehnes Joughe me auple right well To whome I year my good away frome Well mochemore Tought for to auple me To whome I peut my body for all way I warne you well it is no choldes play To take a write without auxiement Aden muft enqueren this is mon affent Whether the be wyle lober o: Dionalewe In out goer or otherway af brewe I chydefter o: a wafter of the good Little of poore of of maners wood All be it to that no man fonde thall Rone in this worlde that trotterb bole in all Remanne beeft fuche as men can beupfe But neuerthetelle it ought pnowe fuffple with any wyfe if to were that the badde Mo thewes good than her vices badde Ind all this aiketh lepfer to enquere for god it wore I have wept full many a ters full princly fpn Thad a mpfe Dieple who to well a wedded mannes left

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Certapne I fonde in tt/but colt and care Ind oblerusimes of all bipiles bate And pet god wote/mp nepabbours about And namely of women many a coute Sayn that I have the most stebfast myfe And eke the mekelt one that beareth lyfe But I wote belt where wringeth me mp (bo pe map for mel right as pe luke od Bupleth pou pe be a man of age Howe that pe entre in to marpage And namely with a ponge wyfe and a fepze 23 p bim that made water erthe and epie The ponget man/that is in all this coute Is buly prough to bringe it aboute To baue a topte a lone but trufteth me pe thuil nat pleaten her only peres the This is to lap to Do ber full pleafaunce 3 wpfe alketh full many an oblecuaunce I prap pou that pe be nat puell aparde Well quod this January a hast thou sappe Strame for the Senek & for the prouerbes I counte nat a panyer full ofherbes Of (cole termes wpfer men than thou 35 thou ball berbe/bath lented right no we To mp purpole Blacebo what lep pe I fay it is a curted man quob be That letteth mattymony (pherip And with that worde thep tylen lodapnip 3nd ben affented anone that be Choloe 2Be wedded whan him lpft a where he wolde Heat fantely eland the buly curtousnelle fro bap to bap gan in the foule imprelle Of January/aboute bis marpage Many fapre Chapland many fapre bilage There palleth thosow his hert night by night As who lo toke a mprout poliffed bright And fet it in a comen market place Than (bulde be le many a frqure pace 23 p this mprour and in the laine wple Gan January within bis thought Deuple of mappens whiche dwelled there belpbe De wofte nat where he might abybe for if that one have beaute in her face Inother Contilo in the peoples grace fo; bet labnelle and her benpanpte That of the people great borce had the And Come were riche ta bab babbe name But nathelelle/bytwir etnell and game De at laft appoprted bym on one Zab let all other fro his herte gone

Ind choie her/on his othne auctorite for love is blonde all depla map not le Ind whan he was in his bedde phrought De portreped in bis berteit in bis thought Der frellhe beaute and ber age tender Der inpoble (male/her armes longe & flender Der wple gouernaunce t ber gentylnelle Der wonianty bearing and her fadnelle And whan he was on her condescended Dom thought his chople inight nat be ameded for whan be bim felfe concluded bad Dim thought eche other mannes wit lo bad That impostpble it were for to replye Avenst his chopce this was his fantaspe Dis frendes lent he to at his instaunce Ind prayed hem to bo him that plefaunce That haftely they wolde to him come De wolde abudge ber labour all and fome Acbeth nomoze foz bun to go ne tpbe De was apoynted there he wolde abyde Placebo came a che his frendes Cone And alberfielt be bab bem all abone That none of hem non argumetes (buld make Avenst the purpose whiche p be had ptake Whiche purpole was plefaut to god fapo be and bery grounde of his prosperite We lay dithere was a may ben in the towne Whiche that of beaute had areat renowne MI were it lo the was offmall deare Suffpleth him/her pouthe a her beaute Whiche maybe be laybe be wolde have to his To lede incale/a holpnelle his lpfe Ind thanke god/that be might have ber all That no wight with his bliffe parten [ ball And plaide hem to labour in this nede And Chapen that he fayleth nat to Cpede for than he lapd this (pirpte was at eale Than is quod he/nothing me may displease Saue o thing pricketh me mp conscience The whiche I well reherce in pour presence pe haue herbe laid full longe lithnes a go There may no man baue parfite blilles two This is to Capin erthe & ese in beupn for though he kept him fro the lynnes leuen And eke from eueriche braunche of ptre pet is there to parfyte prosperpte Ind fo great eale and luft in mariage That euer I am agaft nowe in mpn age That I shall lede nowe so merp a lpfe so delpeate without wo and ftepfe

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That I Chall have my beven in erth bere for fith bery beuen is bought lo bete with tribulacion and great penaunce Dowelhulde thep plyue in luche plelaunce 25 all webbed men bone with her wrues Come to the blille there Crift eterne on lyue is This is my diedela ye my brethernetwep Mople me this question I you prep Justinus/whiche that hated his foly Infwerde anone right in his taperp And for he wolde his longe tale abredge De wolde none auctorite aledge But laid Cozifthere be none obstacle Other than this god of his high myracle And of his mercy may to for you wirche That ere pe have your rightes of holy chirche re may repent of wedded mannes lyfe In whiche pe lay there is no wo ne fiepte And els god forbede but if he lente A wedded man grace him to repente well ofter/rather than a lyngle man Ind therfoze the best rede that I can Dispapzeth pou nat but haue in memozie Datauenture (he may be your purgatorie the may be goddes meane a goddes whyp Than foall pour foule by to beuen fapp Swyfter than an arowe both out of a bowe hope to god/bere after ( hull pe knowe That there nps none fo great felicite In marpageine neuer none [ hall be That you Chall let of your faluacion So that pe ble it as lkyll is and reason The luftes of your wyfe temperatly Ind that peplease ber nat to ameroully and that pe kepe you eke from other lynne Ap tale is done for mp wet is thenne Beth nat agast here of my dere brother But let by wade fro this mater to a nother The wofe of Bathe tf pe haue bnderstande Ofmariage/whiche I haue in hande Declared hath full well in lytell space fareth nome well/god baue pou in his grace And with this worde he with his brother Dath take ber leaue / che of hem of other for whan they lawe it must nedes be They wrought to by five and wyletteate That this mapbe whiche that siday highs As baftely as ever that the might Shall wedded be bnto Januarp I trowe it were you to longe to tary

If Ir utolder of every eferite and bonde 23pt piche ( he was fetted in his londe Qui yet for to herbe of ber toche atap 23 . fpnallp comen is the Day That to chyrche bothe ben they went for to recepue the holy factament forth cometh preced willole about his neche Ind bad her belphe Serra and Kebecke In wyledome and trouth of mariage And land his outlons in his blage And crouched bem a bad god f halo bem bleffe And made all fpket prough with bolpnelle, Thus ben they wedded with folemourte And at the feelt (ptteth be and fhe With other worthy folke boon the beps Ill full of tope & blille is the Daleps And full of infrumentes and bitarle The moste Depnteous of all Ttaple Beforne bim fode intrumetes offuche a foun That Sipheus ne of Thebes Imphioun Ac made neuer luche a melodre At cuerp courle came loude mpnftralfpe That neuer Toab trompet for to here Aerther be Theomodas balfe fo ciere At Thebes whan the crite was in boute Bachus the wyne bem Chenketh all aboute And Tenus lough bpon cuery weathe fo: January was becomen ber knight And wolde bothe affaren his colage In lyberte/as che is in matiage And with her friedionde in ber bande aboute Daunseth beforme the bride a all the route Ind certapnip Toare well farne riabt this Emenius that god of weddyng is Same neuer in his life fo mery a webbed ma Poloe thou thy pece thou poete Darcian That writeft be pilbe weddyng mery Ofher Philogye and ofhim Mercury And of longes that the mules longe To fmall is bothe penne and eke tonge for to biferpue of this mariage 1bhan tendet youth had wedded fouping age There is luche mysthe of it may nat be writen Map pour felfe and than map pe wptten If that I lacke or none in this matere Map that for with to benganca chece Der to be holde it femeth a farite Quene Defter loked neuer with fuche an epe On Iffuere fo mete a loke as the I may you nat deuple all ber beaute

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But thus moche ofher beaute tell I map That the was lybe the bright motow of May fulfpiled of all beaute and of plefaunce This January is caupilled in a traunce At every tyme be loketh on ber face But in bis bette be gan ber manace Chat he night in armes wolde her ftrepne Darber than Daris euer byb Clepne But nathelelleipet hab he great pyte That that night offende ber muft be Int thought alas o tender creature Aowe wolde god pe mpghe well endure Hi mp cozage it is to Charpe and hene 3 am agaft pemay it nat fuftene But god fo;bebei I bpb all my myght Aome wolde god/ it wete wore nrght Ind that the nyabt wolde laft cuer mo Twolde that all this people were ago and fynally be bothe all his labour As he best myght laupnge his honour To halt bem fro the meate in Cubtell wyfe The tyme came that reason was to tyle Ind after that men baunfeb + bzanke faft Ind fpeces all aboute the houle they caft 3nd full of top and bipfle is euerp man All but a fouver that brott Dampan Tobiche carft before the kngght many a bay De was lo caupilbed on his lady Map That for the beer papie he was nigh wobe Limoft be (welteb | 1 (wowned there be ftode So Coze bath Menus hurt hem with her brode 35 that the bare it baunlyng in ber hande And to bis bed he went hom haftely Aomore of hom at this tyme Cpeke 7 But there I let bym wepe pnough & plepne Tell freffbe map well come on his pepne

Declous frze fin the beoftrawe bzedeth
Dfamplier foe that his ferure bedeth
Dfecuaunt treptour falle homely hewe
Lyke to the adder flygh in bosome untrewe
Bod shylbe bs all from your acquerntance
Dfamusty dronken in pleasaunce
Of marpage fe howe that thy Dampan
Chyn owne squeet and thy borne man
Cutenbeth for to bo the a belonge
Bod graunt the thyn homely for to espec
for in this worldeings worse petitience
Than an homin foe all day in thy presence
Darfourined hath the sonne his arke dyurne

Ao lenger map the body of him foisurne on the outfont as in that latytube Aight with his mantell that is to berk a rube Gan for to fprede the empfperp aboute for whiche departed is the luft route fro January with thanke on every Cybe Home to their houses tuftely they tybe There as they do thongus as bem loft And whan they le her tyme they go to reft Sone after this haltely this Tanuary wolde go to bedde he wolde no lenger tary De dunketh proceas clarer and bernage And ipices hotelto encrecchis cozage Ind many a lectuary hab be full fone Suche as the curfed monke dan Constanten Dath watten in his boke of Cottu To eate hem all be wolte nothpinge elcheu And thus to his priup fremdes land he for goddes loue as font as it map be Let boyde all this house in curteple tople Ind they have done right as he wolde beuple Den Dionken /4 the travers Diete anone This bride was brought to bed as ftyll as fton Ind whan the bed was torth ? preft bleffed Dut of p chabze bath euery wight him Dzelled and January bath faft in armes tabe Disfreshe Dap bis parabple his make De lulleth her be hylleth her full ofte With the bipftilles of his berde briotte Like to the kyn of houd hithe Charp as a biere for he was thave all newe in his manere De rubbeth her bpon her tendes face Ind land thus alas I must trespace To you my (poule and you greatly offende Di trine come that I well bowne bilcende 25 ut natheles confidereth this quob be There is no workman what lo euer be be That may bothe worke well and haltely This wolde be do at lepfer parfetly It is no force/howe longe that we plep In crewe wedlocke coupled be me twep And bleffed be the poke/that we ben in for in our actes we mowe bo no fpme I man may bo no fynne/ with his wyfe Ac furt him felfe with his owne knote for we have leave to pley by by the lame Thus laboureth he/tpll the bay gan bame And than he taketh a Cop in fone clarre Ind upzight/in his bedde fptteth be And after that he lange full lowde & dere

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and hylleth his wyfel a maketh wanton chere De was all coltpffheit full of ragery And full of latgon as is a decked pre The flacke fayn aboute his necke fhaketh whyle that he longe lo chaunteth he a craketh But god wote what Day thought in ber bett whanf he him fawe bp fpttpinge in his fbert In his nyabt cappe a with his necke leane the prepletty nathes plepeng worth a beane Than lapo he thus mp tell well I take Aowe daye is come I may no lenger wake Ind bown he layo his hecd af lept tyll prime Ind after whan that he lawe his tome By tyleth January but freshe Day She holdeth her chambre tell the fourth day Is blage is of wrues for the befte for every labour Comtyme must have refte Orels longe may be nat endure This is to fap no lyues creature Bett foffbe or birbe beeft or man Aowe well Tipeke of wofull Dampan That langueth for loue as pe fhull here Therfore I fpeke to him in this manere Tlay Dely Dampan alas Unfwere to this bemaunde in this caas Dowe Chalt thou thy lady frell he Abap Tell the wolfbe well alway far nap Che if thou fpeke the well the wo bewigen God be thy belpe I canno better feyn This licke Dampan in Menus accat free So brenneth that be bycth for Delyte for whiche he putteth his lyfe in augnture Rolenger might he in this wple enduce But princip a penner gan be bojo we Ind in a letter wiote all his torowe In maner of a complay no oz a lap Unto his freithe and farze lady Adap Ind in a purce offplae binge it on bisthere De hath pout & playbe it at his hert That January hath wedded frellie Mar The Mone that at none was that day Dut of Taure was in the Cankir (lpden Solonge hath Bayus in her chambre byden As custome is buto their nobles all A baide Chall nat eten in the ball Tyll Dayes foure or thre at lefte Palled beithan let ber go to felte The fourth bay complete fro noone to noone Whan that the high maffe was bone In halle face this January and May

Asfr the as is the bright fomers bap And to befoll/that this good man the lembreth him boon this Dampan And Capo Caput mary howe map this be That Dampan entendeth nat to me Is he ar (peke or howe may this bety be Dis fauver whiche that flode him belode Erculed hom bycaule of his locknelle Whiche letteth him to do his bulpnelle Rone other caule might make him to tarpe That me forthenketh quod this fanuare De is a gentle fourer by my trouthe Af that be oved it were barnie and routhe He is wple biscrete boneft and lecte Is any man I work of his begre And thereo manip and the laruplable And for to be a thrifty man right able But after meate as Cone as euer 7 map Twell me felfe befitchem and Hap To bo him all the conifort I can Ind for that worde him bleffed euery man That of his bounte and his gentylnelle De wolde lo comforte in freamelle Histouper for it was a gentle dede Dame quod this Tanuary take good bede That after meate pe with your women sil 10han pehane be in chamble out of this ball That all pe go to fe this Danipan To bo him dy (port he is a gentle man Ind telleth that I well him befite Daue Inothunge but refted me a lyte And spede you fall for I wall above Tyll that pellepe faste by my lyde Ind with this woide be gan to bim call 3 (queer that was marthall of his ball And tolde him certern chringes what he wolde This fresh Har bath Grenght ber way bolds With all her women boto this Dampan Downe by his beofre anon fate fbe than Confortung hum as goodly as i be map This Dampan whan be his tyme fap In pump well his puris and eschis bell In whiche that be written bad all his woll hath put in to ber bande withouten moze Saue that he leghed right wonderly loza Ind Coffly to ber right thus land be Sierce and that pe discouer nat me for fam deed if that this thrng be bod This byll had the in her bolome byo Ind went her way pe ger no moze of me

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minto Tanuaty computhan is the And on his beddes (poelfate full fofte He taketh beriand by Weth ber full ofte And lapbe bim Downe to Clepe /a that anone the ferned ber las that the muft gone There as pe mote eucty wight muft nebe Ind whan f be of this bell bath take bede She rent it all to doutes and at lafte In the prime loftely bath the it caft Who ftuppeth nowe but farze frellhe May Ino betone by olde January (he lay That Clepte toll the cough bath bem waked Inone be prepde bet to ftrppe bet naked Be wolde of ber be lapb baue lome plealaunce De lapo ber clothes bpo bum encumbrance Ind the obepet betbe left oz lothe But left p precious folke with me be wrothe Dowe that be wrought | Date pou nat tell D: whether her thought it paradyle o; bell But Tlethem werkeinher wple Tell evenlonge and that they must arple Were it by Deffpne o; by auenture Were it by influence of by nature Other confellacion that in Luche affate The beupn ftode/ that tyme fortunate Was for to put a bell of Tlenus werkes for all thringe bath tome as lapine clerkes To ony woman for to get ber loue Tran nat fay/but great god aboue That knoweth that none acte is caufeles De Demeth all fo: I will holde my pees But sothe it is howe that this freshe May Dath take suche impression that day Of pyte of this ly the man Damyan That fro ber berte fbe ne Dame ne can The remembraunce for to Do him eafe Cettern thought for who this thing displease f bere recke nat I bpin affare Coloue him belt of any creature Though be no more had than his therte Lo pytie tenneth fone in gentle bette Dere may pe here bowe excellent fraunchyle In women is whan they bein narowe auple some traunt there is as there be many one That bath an berte as herde as any ftone Whiche wolde haue let him ferue in pplace Well rather than have granted him grace And bem retoplen/in ber cruell pride and reckpo natico be an hompcide This gende Map fulfylled of all pyte

Ryght Co of her bande a letter made Che In whiche f be grauted bun ber berp grace There lacketh nought but only tyme a fpace where that the might to his luft fuffyle for it shall be erght as he woll deuple And whan the lawe her tyme boon a day To befite this Damial goth this frelly Day And lubicly a letter borone fbe thatte Linder his priowe/rede it if bpm lpft She taketh him by phonder harde him twift So (eccecip that no man it wpft And bad hom be all hole a forthe the went To Tanuary whan than be for her lent Up tpleth Dampan the nert mozowe All palled was his frekmelle a his folowe He kemberly bim a propriety him and ppketh We dothe all that his lady luft and lyketh Ind eke to January he goth as lowe As cuer byb a bogge for the bowe De is so pleasaunt to eutry man for crafte is all who forthat it can That enery wight is tapne to speke him good And fully in his ladges grace be fode Thus let I Dampan aboute his nede Ind in my tale forth I topll procede Some cleckes bolden that felicite Stonte in Delpte/and therfore certapne be This noble January with all his myght In boneft wple as longeth to a anpatt Shope him to lyue full belycioul ly Wishowlynge his aray as honeftly To bus Degre was made as a bringes amonge other of his honeft thenges De hav a gardapne walled all with frone So fapic a gardapne wot I nowhere none To: out of Doute | beryly luppole That he that wrote the Romance of the Role A e coude of it/the beaute well deuple Ae Duapus ne mpat nat luffple Though he be god of gardepus for to tell The beaute of the gardapne / of the well That stode burer a Laurer alway grene full offe tyme king Pluto and his quene Deolerpina and all ber fepry Disporten hem and make melodp Aboute that well/ bauufed as men tolbe This noble knight/this January the olde Suche Depute hath in it ito walken a to plep That he wolde luffrel no wyght to beare p key Sauc he him Celfe fo; of the Cmall worket

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De bare alway of Cpluer a clycket 10ith the whiche whar he lpft bul hette and whan he wolde pape his worfe his Dette In fomer feafonithpoer wolde he go Ind Day his wife and no wight but they two And thringes that were nat bo a bebbe We in the gardepne performed bem and fpedde And in this wple/many a mery day Lyuenthis January and frell be Map But worldly tope may nat al way endure To January ne no worldly creature D fodagne happe D thou fortune buftable Lyke buto the Scapion lo vicepuable That flatereft with the heed whan p welt dig The taple is Dethe thoso we then envenoming Dbritell forel D thou [wete poplon queput O thou monfter that fubtelly canft pepnt The arfres buder hewe of ftedfaftneffe That thou disceruelt bothe moze and lelle why half thou January thus differued That haddelt hym for thy frende tecepued Ind nowe thou halt berafte bothe bis epen for lorowe of whiche the despreth to open Blasithis January that is fo fre Impode his lut and his profperite Is nowe woren blynde and that all fobainty he wepeth and be mapleth pitoully and there withall the free of tolely Left that his worfe/fhall fall in Come folp So brent highert that he wolde fapne That Come men bothe bym and ber had flayne for neuer after bis bethe ne bis lyfe De wolde be' that the were loue ne wpfe But cuer ipue as a mybowe (in clothes blake Sole as the turtell that hathloft her mabe But at laft after a moneth or twep Dis fozowe gan to fwage fothe to fay for he wolf it map none other be Be paciently toke big aductiffte saue out of bout map be nat forgone That he ne was tolous eucrmoze in one ibbiche toloully it was fo outragious That nerther in ball ine in other bous Ac in none other place neuer the mo De nolde luffre her foz to rpbe ne go Butif that be had banbe on ber alway For whiche full ofte wepeth frest be Map Chat loueth Bampan fo tenderly That the must outher ope lodainly Di cle fhe muft baue bem acher lett

She' apterb whan her bert wolde to bieft Tipr ithat otherfpbe this Tampan 23e omen is the foroufully it man at euer was for nerther night ne bap fie myght he speke a worde with frellhe 20ap Is of his purpole of none luche matere But if that Fanuarp must it bere That had an hande boon ber euer mo But natheles by wittyng to and fro And priur fignes worft be what the ment 3nd the knewe of the fame his entent O January what mount the ausple Though & mpattell le as fer as (bio both laple for as good blynde is bifcepued to be As to be difcepued whan a man mapfe Lo Braus | whiche that hab an bunbieb eren for all that ever he coude pore and prien pet be was blent and god mote fo be mo That weren wele that it is nothring fo Daffe ouer is an cale I lapeno mote This frellbe Day of whiche I (pake of poze In warme ware bath printed this ciphet That January bare of the smale wicket By whiche buto his garbenn ofte be wene 3.10 Dampan/that kne we ber entent The clocket counterfapted private There is no moze to far but baftely Some wonder by this clicker Chall bety be Whiche re (ball here if pe wpil above Onoble Quid fothe farft thou god mote What flight it is though it belong and bote. That be uplifynde it out in some manere By Duamus and Tylbe maymen bece Though they were kepte freyt long ouer all They be accorded to muying thosome a mall There no wight coude have foud fuch a fleight But nowe to purpole of that dapes eight were paffed or the moneth of Tupli befyil That Tanuary bath caught fo arrat a wyll Through eaging of his wife bym for to play In his garbeyn and no wight butthey twey That in a mozowe bnto this Mar faid be Ryle bp mp topfe/mp loue mp laby fre The turteles boice I berbe mp ipoule imete The wenter is gone with his rapnes were Come forthe with thene epen columbene Ao we fayter ben thone even than is wone The gardern is closed all about Come forthemp (wetelpoule out of bout Thou half me wounded in mone bert o mofe Ø.1.

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Ao (pot of the ne knewe I in all mp lofe Come forthe and let be take our bifport: T chele for the mp wyfe and for mp conforte Suche olde leude wordes bleb be on Dampan aligne made the That he Chulbe go beforne with bis cheket This Dampan bath opened the wycket Ind in be fert and that in luche manere That no wight myght it le ne here And Apil be latte biber a buffie anone This Januarp'as blynbe is as a ftone With Map in his bande and no wight mo Into this freithe garbern ishe go 3no clapped to the wpcket Cobainly Rowe wpfe quod he here nys but thou and ? That arte the creature that I belt loue fo; bp that lozde that fptte be all aboue That leuer right nowe ope on a knyfe than the offenden/ mone owne dete wofe for goodes lake thynke howe I the chees Aat forcouetple ne other good boutices But onely for the loue I had to the And though that I be olde and may nat le Be to me treme and I well tell the who Certes thre thringes Chulde pe wen therby first love of Chaist and to pour Celfe bonour Ind all mone herptage bothe towne and tour f peue it you maketh charters as you loft This Chalbe Do to mozome oz the Con rpft Do wifely god my foule bring to bly ffe Ind I prap you of couenaunt pe me kpile Ino though I be tolous wete me nought Pe belo bepe printed in my thought That whan I confport pour beaute Ind there withall the bnipkelpheed of me I may nat certelle though I (buloe bre forbere to ben out of pour company for bery loue this is withouten bout Aome kolle me wofe and let be come about This freshe Mar whan the the wordes berde Benignely to January answerbe Butfpil and forwarde the began to were I have quod thet a foule for to kepe As well as yel and allo myne bonour And of mp wpfebod that tendre flour Whiche that I have allured in pour honde When that the prest to you my body bonde 10herfoze I wpil auf were in this manere With the leave of you my lozde fo dete . I pray to god that never bare that day

That I ne fterue as foule as woman may If euer Too to my kyn that shame Dzelsithat Tempepze fo mp name That I be faller and if I bothat lacke Do ftripe me and put me in a lacke And in the next route do me trenche am a gentpl woman ant no wenche 10bp (peke pe thus but men be euer bntreme 3nd worten haue reprefe of you apeneme Pe can none other comunicacion Tleue Butfpeke to be of butruff and be repreue And with that worde the lawe where Dampan Satte in a buffbe and knele he began Ind with ber fpngers lignes made the Chat Dampan Chuloc clyme bp on a tre That charged was with frute and by he went Jos berilpi be kne we all ber entent Ind every figne that the coude make Well bette than January her owne make for in a letter the had toice bym all Of this mater howe he wyzche Chall And thus I let hpm fptte in the perp and January with May compng merp.

Right was the fon a blewe fitemament Dhebus of golde toun his beames hath To gladen euery flour whis warmnelle (fent De was that tyme in Geminisas I gelle But letell fro his declenacion Of Cancer/ Jouis exaltacion and foit fpill that in a bright mozowe tybe That in the gradepn on the farther lyde Pluto that is kyngrof the farzie And many a lady in his company Folowing his wife the quene Proferpine Che after other/ right as any lyne Whyles that the gabered floures in a mede In Claubpanipe map the Cortes rebe Howe in his artiely carte be ber fette Thiskping of fepric adowne hom lette Tipon a benche of turnes farze and arene And right anone laid he thus to his quene

My wyfe qo bel there may no wyght lay nay
The experience lo proueth it euery day
The treason/whiche that women do to men
Ten hundred thousands tellen I can
Consamples and of your untrouthe a brotylnes
D Salomon wyle and richest of all riches
Fulfylled of lapience and of worldly glorie
Well worthy be thy wordes in memorie

#### The marchauntes

Co euerp wight! that wette and reafon can Thus prapleth be pet the bounte of man Imong a thoulande menipet founde I one But of all women founde be neuer none (nelle Thus laid phyng po knoweth pout wicken, Ind Jelus filius Stracheias I gelle Ae fpeketh of pour but felben teuerence 3 wploefpiciand a corrupte peftylence So fall on pour bodies/pet to nyabt Acle pe nat this honozable anight Breaule alas that he is bipnbe and olde Dig owne man fhall make bym Cokoloe Lo where helpt the lechour in the tre Rowe well I graunt of my magefte Tinto this olde bipnbe worthy knyaht That he Chall baue agen bis epen fpght Whan that his wrfe wolde bohrm bilang Than fhall be knowe all her harlorry Bothe in reprefe of ber and other mo pe fhall quob @ 20fcrppna and wpil pe fo Aowe by my mothers fouleffit Timere That I (ball peue her lufficiant answere 3nd all women after for ber fake Though thep be in any aplic ptake with face bolde they shall bem selfe ercuse Ind beare hom bowner that wolde hem accuse for lacke of answere mone of hem shull open Il had be fene a thrng with bothe his epen pet foull we women fo bilage it barbly Ind were and [were! and chroe lubtelly So that pe menifhull be as jeude as gees What recketh me of pour auctoritees I wore wele this icwelthis salomon fonde of by women mo foles than one But though he ne fonde no good woman pet haue there founden many another man Women full true full good and bertuous immede of hem that owell in Chaines hous With martyzbome they preued their conflauce The Komayne teltes etemake temembiauce Of many a bery true wyfe allo But fir ne benat wrothe alfo Bithough be faib be fonbe no good woman I pray you take the fentence of the man Dement thus that infouerarne bounte Argnone but god/ that fetteth in Cringte Cre for berr god that nysbut one What make ye fo mothe of salomone What though he mabe a temple gobbes bous What though be were riche and glozious

Som che che a temple of falle goodes Dom meant be bo a theng o moze forbobe is Da seias fapre as pe bis name emplafter De was a lechout and che an photafter 3 .o in his elde be berp gob foxfoke Ind if god ne bab as faithe the boke pipared for his fathers lake be iboloe Daue loft hisreigne rather than be wolbe I peue reabt nought of all the belone That be of women witteth a butterfly I am a woman/nebes 7 mult (pete D: els (well tell mone bert biebe for fithen ye fay that we ben tangeletelles Ageuer I mote broke bole mp trelles I shall nat space no we for no curtesp To fpeke bem harme that wolve be befony , Dame quob this Pluto be no lenger mothe Treue it bpibut lithe Timerempne othe That I well graunt hem bis light agarne SAP morbe (ball frambe Tlap pou certapne Tam abpna it frtte me nat to be and Taquenequod the of the ferme Her answere shall the have I bubertake Let be no mo wo: bee herof make forfothe T well you no lengar contrary Aowelet be tourne agaphe to January That in the garbeyni with his freithe Shap Sprigeth full metper than the Doppingap Pouloue I best and (ball and other none so longe about the alepes is be gone Tpil he was come avent that pise perp Where as this Dampan (pereth full mery Ind high among the freilbe leaves arene This frest be any that is so bright and theme Can forto (ighe) and laid: alas my lybe A omefir quod the for ought that map betpos I must have of the precess that The D: I mud bre lo loze longeth me Co eate of the (male peeres grene Delpe for ber loue; that is of beupn quene I tell you well a woman in my plyte Mar baue in frute lo great an appetyte That the map open/but the of it baue Blas quod beithat Ine bab berea knaue That coude cipmbe alas alas quod be That I am blynde: pe fit no force quod fbe But wolde pe bouchlafe for goodes lake The pery within your armes for to take for wele I wotel that pe mpfturff me Than (hulve I cipmbe well prough quod fbe

### The marchauntes tale.

So Impfete mpatt fette bpon pour backe Cittelle quod beitherof Chalbe no lacke Bight I pon beipen/ with mone bert blobe B) c flouperh abotone | 3 on his backe the flobe Bind caught ber by a twyft and by the gothe Ladres I prap pou be nat mothe I cannat glole/ I am a rube man 3nd feathly anone this Bampan San pull by the (mocker and in he thronge Ind whenthat Bluto fame that wronge To Januarpi pate agapne bis frabt 3nd made hom fel as well as euer be moght And whan that he had caught his light agayne Ac was there no man of thyng fo fayne But on bis wpfel bis thought was cucrmo Tip to the tree! be call his even two Ino fame home Demien bis worfe berh brelled In fuche maneti tt mave nat be erprelled But if I wolde (peke bncutteff p Out helpe alagi barowe be gan crye Offronge laby bote what boft thou Ind the antwered (it what apleth pou Dauc pacience and reason in pour mynde I have you holpen! of bothe pour epen bipnoe Tip perpli of mp (oule ] (ball nat ipen Is me was taught to beale with pour epen 10as nothrna bet/ to make pou tole Chanfor to Grogle with a man in atre Gob wote I bro it in full good entent Strogle quob bei pe all gate in it went God pourque bother a Chamefull Deth to Dren Be opd the fol I fame it with mpne epen Ind ets The hanged by the balle Than is quod the mp medicone falle forcertainly if pempahtle pe wolde nat lep thele wordes to me pe haue fome gipmfpng: and no perfrte light Tle quob be as well as euer Impatt Thanked be god with bothe mpne epen two 3nd bp mp troutbe/me thought be byblo re male good fit quob fbe This thanks have 3 for 3 made poule Blas quob fbe that euer T was fo kenbe Aowe bame quob bei let sil palle out of mpnbe Come Downe my lete and if I baue mallapbe Bob beipe me foias 3 am puell apapte But by mp fathers Coule | Twent baue fene Dowe that this Dampan had by the lene and that the fmocke be laybe been his back pe lit quob the pe may went as pe ipt

But fir of the a man that waketh of bis flepe De map nat lo lobainty take kepe apon a thenge ne le tt lo perfittele Tpli that be be well abawed betilp Right fo a man! that long bipnoe bath be Ac map nat lobainly/loloone wellle firft whan bis light is meme compnagapne As be that bathia day or twepne playne Tplithat pour light pletico be a whple There may full many a light you begple Bewate I pray pourfor by brugh spng full many a man weneth to le a thong And pet it is all another than it Cemeth De that mp (concepueth) ofte mp (Demeth and with that worde the lepte fro the tre This Tanuary who is glabbe but be De hpffeth ber and cipppeth ber full ofte Ind on her wombe he ftrpketh ber full Cofte Ind to his palaps bome he hath ber labbe Aome good men I prap be merp and glabbe Thus enorth bere mp tale of January Con blelle be all and his mother Mary.

There endeth the Marchauntes tale, and here foloweth the Squiers prologe.

ar hoft in his ftyruppes flabeth anone Ind (ato good mei harkneth euerichon This was a (barpetale for the nones Sir pariffhe precit qu hei for goddes bones Tell be a tale as was the forwarde pore I (e well/that laboured men in loze knowe moche thrng/ br gobbes bianrte The person bym answered benedicite What apleth the man! To spnfully to swere Dur Doft anfwered D Tanken be pe there I fmell a lollere in the wonde quod be Aome good men quod our hoft berkeneth me Abpoeth for gobbes bigne paffpon for we (bull have no we a predicacion This lollare well preche be bere fom what Aap by mp fathers foule that fhall benat sato the Squper be fhati nat bete preche De Chall no gofpeill glote bere ne trebe We leue all in the great gob quob be De moine fome fome Difficulte Di fpatrigen cocle in our clene coane And therfore boll I warne the before

#### The Squyers'

Ap folpe body (half a tale tell Ind I (half clynke you fo mery a bell That it (half waken all this company But it (half nat be of philosophy fre of Philipas/ ne termes queynt of lawe There is but lytell laten in my mawe.

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logue/and here begype neth his tale.



C Surreplinthe lande of Cartier There owelled a kping of marred ruffp Thoso we whiche there oved many a boughtp This noble bring was c'eped Cabafcan (man Whiche in his tyme! was of fo great renoun That there was no where in no region: So erellent a lorde in all thong De lacked nought that longed to a kying Is of the fecte of whiche he was bome Dekepte his lap to whiche he was fwozne Ind therto be was barop mele and riche Prous tufte and alwar pitche sothe of his worde benigne and honorable Of his cozage as any center fable yonge freffbeiftronge in armes befpious Is any bacheler owelling in his bous Ifapze perfone be wast and fortunate Ind kepte al way fo well royall effate That there was no where fuche a man This noble kong this tarte Cambulcan De hab two formes on Alphet bie wrte Of whiche the elbeft byght Algaripfe That other Come was cleped Camballo

I boughter bab this worthy kong alfo That yougelt was and brabe Canace But fo: to tell pou of her beaute Trieth nat in my tonge ne in my connyng Toate nattake on me i (o begba thena Ind allo men engirffhe is inlufficient Temuit be a clerke and a rethous escellent That knewe the colours longring to that arte It be (bulbe bilerre bet in euery parte am no luche I mult (pete as I can Ind Co befplithis Cambulcan Dath twenty wynter boze bis byabeme Is he went fro pere to pere poeme De let the fefte of bis natiquite Done cryc ! thoso we out Saray the cyte The lafte Tous of Barche after the pere Dbebus the fonne; full toly mas and clets fo: be was nrab bis eraltacion In Martie face, and in his manfion In Juce the bote coleribe liane full lufty wasithe wether and bengene for whiche the foules arens the fonne fbene What for the featon and the ponge grene D.III.

### The Squpers tale .

full foubelongen bere affections Dem Cimeb to getyn them protections Maann the werbe of wenter kene and coloe This Cambulcantof whiche I pou tolbe In chall bellementes faton bis bers Ditt opademe full brab in bis paler's Ind bolte his felte Cololempne and ryche That in this worlde was there none it lpche Of whiche pf I (bulbe tell all the tap Than wolde it occuprea fometes bay And eke it nebeth nat to beuple Bt euerp courle the ozore of ber leruple I woll nattell of ber ftrange lemps Acof her (wannes ne of her beronfemps Eke in that lande as tellen knyabtes olbe Is Come meate I that is full Depnte boloe That in this lande mentecke of u but [mail. There is no manithat may reporten all I woll nat tarpe pour for it is prime Indforitisnofrupt butloffe of trine Tinto mp firfte tale I woll baue inp recours Ind to befull that after the thribe cours Tubrics this kong fat thus in his noblep Derkenpng bis mpnftrales, berethpnaesplap Befoine hom at his borbe belicioully In at the ball bose all fobepnly There came a knyght bpon a ftebe of biag Ind in bie bande a biode mitrout of glas Tipon this thombe he had of golde a reng Ino by his fpbe a naked (werde hangeng Ino by he trooth to the hrab boide In all the hall ine mas there poke a morbe formeruarllof this knrght hom to beholde Hab bufely they mapten pong and olde The fraunge knpght that came lo lopenly Bil armed faue bis heed full rychelp Salueth kong quene and lordes all Bp ozbie as thep litten in the ball Thirthfo brat reucrence and oberfaunce 3 s well in (peche as in contenaunce That Gamen with his olde curtefpe Though be werecome agayn out of feirpe Accoude hom amende with a worde Ind after this before the brab boide De with manip borce fapo bis mellage After the fourme bleb in his langage Without bice of (pilabell oz letter 3no for bis tale (bulbe feme the better accorbant to his wordes I was his chere as teacheth art of (perhe/bem that it lere

Ill be it ithat I can nat lowne bis aple Ac I can nat clymbe on lo braha fiple Than far Tthus to the comen entent Thus moche amounteth all that be ment If it to be that Thave it in mynde Delapolibe kong of Brabpe and of Inde Applecat lorde on this folemone dap Salucth poulas be beft can and map Ind lendeth pou honout at pout lefte 28p me that am all rebp at pour befte This flede of bras that easely and well Can in the space of a bay naturell This is to lap in foure and twenty houres Inbere pou lefte in broughte orin (bomzes Bete pour boby into cuery place To whiche your herte wylneth for to pale 1bithout wem of rou tho lough foule of fapte Duf poulpft to fire as brab in the apre As bothe an egle whan by mipft to fore This fame ftebe (hall beare pou cuermoje Without harmettyll pe be there pe lpfte T bough that rellepe on his backe of refte Indtourne agarne with wirthping of a ppn De that it wought couthe many a gpi De warteb many a conficilacion Dibchab wiought this operacion Ind knewe many a fea'l and many a bonde This mirrour che / that I have in men bonde Dath luche a mrabt that men map in it le 10han there (half fall any abuerfite Zinto pour regne o; bnto pour felfe allo 3nd openly who is your frende of fo Ind ouer all this if any laby bipubt Dab let her herte on any maner would If he befalle if he thall his treafon le Disnewe love and all his fubtritte So openly that there hall no thong by be Inberfore agams this lufty Comers ty De This mirrour and this tringe as pe maple De Cente bath to mp laby Canace pour ercellent Doughterithat is bere The bertue of this tynge if pe woll bere Is this if that her lpit it forto wete Tipon her tombe of in her purfeit bere There is no foule that fireth biber beuen That the ne thall bnoctftanbe bis feuen and knowe his meaning openip and playn And an were bem in his langage agapn Ind euerp graffe / that grometh apon the rote Shelhall knowe and whom it woll bo bote

### The Squperst

Il be his wounde neuer lo bepe or wpde This naked (werbeithat hangeth by mp fybe Suche bertu hath what man velmpte Thosowe out his at mure it woll berue ? byte There it as thicke | as a braunched oke Ind what man is wounded with the ftroke De Chall neuer be hole tpli pe lytt of grace To froke bym with the platt in the fame place There he is burt that is as mykell to fapne pe mot with the plat (werbe agapue Stroke hom in the wounder and it woll clofe This is a berrap foth withouten glole It fapleth nat whyles it is in pour holde Ind whan the knight haththus his tale tolbe De code out of the hall / and bowne he light Dis ftede which that fhone as the fonne bipght Stont in the court fipll ag any ftone This kny abt in to the chambie is lebbe anone 3nd is bnarmed and to meate pfette The presentes berraht rychely fette This is to lay the (werde and the mirrour 23 en boine anone into the hyab tour With certaph officers orbepned therfore Ind buto Canace this rpage is boie Solemply there the fat at the tabpil 23ut ficherly / withouten any fabpfl The boss of bras that map nat be cemeued It font/as it were in the grounde peleupo They may it nat out of the place bypue fornoncenging | wondag ne polyue And caufe why for they can nat the crafte Ind therfore in the place they have st lafte Tell that the kneight have raught hem the mar To borden hom as pe (bull after bere Great mag the preale that (wermed to and fro Cogamermonthe boisthat ftobefo for it so high was so brote and so longe So well proporcioned to be ftronge Ryght as it were a ftebe of Lumbarope Therwith to horffy and to gurke at eye Is it a gentyll polepn courfer mete for certes from histarle buto his ere Pature ne art coude bym nat amende In no beate as all the people wende But euermoze / her molte wender was Dowe that it coude go and was of bras It was a feripe as all the people femed Diuerle folke binerfly they bemeb As many hedes as many writes there ben They mormedy ni as bothe a (warme of been

3nd Ben faplles after ber fantafre Re' clyng of the olde poetrpe 3 ofapo it was iphe the Degale the hois that had aringes forto fire Diels it masthe arekes bois Sprion That brought Trope bato bestruction As men in thple olde geftes rebe ABpn bert quob one is euermoze in biebe I trowe come men of armes be theren That ( hape bem this cote for to won It were ryght good that all luche thrng were Inother rowned to bis felo me lo me And land the lped for it was rather loke In apparence made be fome magete Is logelours plepn at the fefte greate Of fonder boubtes thus they tangell and trete . 3s lewbe people bemen alban comonin of thringes that ben mave mozefubtille Than they konne in her le wonelle copiehende Thep bempnglably to the babber ende Ind fome of theym wonded on the my group Charboine was up in to the mapfter tour Howemen myght in it fuche thongie fe Inother answered and fard it map well be Aaturalir made by composicions Of aungeles and of Ilp reflections Indland that in Rome mas luche one They (pake of Mocen and of Mytelone Ind of Ariftotell that witten in ber buics of quernte mitrours and of pro petactues Is knowe they that have ber bokes barbe And other folke haue wondied on the merte That woll perply be through eurer throat Ind fell in speche of Thelephus the kena Ind of Ichelles with his quepne fpere for he coube with it bothe bele and bere Reght in luche wirle as men man withe (werde Of whicherrabenome rehauerour felte berbe They (peken of fonder hardeng of metall Ind fpeken of medicines ther with all Ind howe and whan it thulbe harded be 10biche buknome is algate to me Tho Spekether than of Canaces rong Indiand that all fuche wonder thring ent crafte of rynges berbe they neuer non Sauethat be Poples and bring Salemon Dad a maner conneng of luche an arte Thus lepn the people and brawen bem a parte But neuertheleffe Come fand that it was Wonder to make of ferne all bes clas

#### The Squperstale.

Ino petis glaffe nat like all ben of ferne But for ther baue knowe it lo ferne Therfore ceffeth ber langipng and her wondze As loze wondze lome one caufe of the thunbze On ebbe on flobe on goffomer and on mpft Ind on all thong toll the caufe is woll Thus langten thep and bempn and beuple Tpll that the kpng gan from his boide arple Dhebus hath loft the angle merioponall And pet afcendping / was the beeft thall The gentpli ipon with his alorian Whan that this tarter keng Cambulcan Role from the bozde there be lat full bre Beforne hom gothe the loude monstrally Tpll that be came to bis chabte of Parementes There as they lownen bruers inftrumentes That is loke an beuen for to bere Powe Daunfen lufty Tlenus chyloren bere for in the foll be bet labr latte full bre Ind loketh on bem mith a frendly ere This noble kring is lette boon his trone This Grange knyght is fette to bem full foone And on the Daunce be gothe with Canace Dere is the reuell and the colpte Chatis nat able a bull man to beurle Demut baue knoweloue and bis fcrurce Ind be a feftirche man as frell be as Map That foull you beurfen fuche arap Who coube poutell the forme of Daunces So bacouthe and fo frell be countenaunces Suche lubtell lokyng and billpmulpnges for brede of tolouly mennes parcepupuacs Poman but Lancelot and beis becb Chrefore I palle ouer of all this luft pheco Tap no more but in thie tolpnelle 4 let bem tell mento supper bem Dreffe The fle warde bybotth forces for to hive Ind che the wone in all this melody The bil bers and the fourer ben gone The forces and the wone is comen anone They cate and brinke 14 whan this was at ende Unto the temple as reason was they mente The letupce bone thep loupen all by bap 16 bat nebeth me reberce ber arap Cche man wote wele that a konges feft Dath plente to the most and to the lest And benties mo than be in mp knowpng And after Supper gothe this noble kyng Tofe his borfe of braffe, with all the rout De lozdes and of ladges bym about

Such moding was there of this boile of biss That lythen the great liege of Ttop was There as men la wel luche an horfe allo Ac was there suche wonding as was tho But finally the kyng of ked the knyght The bertue of this coutler and the mpaht Ind praybe to tell hom his gouernaunce The horte anone | gan to trpppe and daunce 10ha that this knight lapbe bande on his tayme Inblaid fir: there is no moze to lapne But whan you left to ty ben any where pe muft trpll a ppnne that from in his ers Whiche I Chall you tell bytwire be two pe mote nempne bpm to what place allo D: to what countre | that pe lpft to tpbe and whan pe come there pelpit to bybe Brode bom bucende and troll another pon for therin lethi the effect of all the gpn Ind he wall bo wine difcende and bo your will Ind in that place be well abroe figli Though all the mozine bath the cotrary [moze De fhall natthens be brawe ne bore Ind out poulpd byode bym thens gone Trill this profand be well bang the anone Out of the light of every maner wight Ind come attapne be it by day or nyabe Whan that poulpft clepen bem agapne In luche a gple as I (ball to pou lapne Bit wene me and pouland that right foone Rybe whan poulpft there is no moze to bone Enformed whan the king was of the knight Ind bath concepued in his wette a right The maner and the forme of this theng full gladde and blythe was this noble kyng Repepting buto his reuell as befome The bainell is to the to wae phoane Ind kepte among his icibelles lefe and bere The boile baniff bed I not in what manere Dut of her light pe gete no moze of me But thus Tiet in lut and in tolpte This Cambulcan bis lozdes fellyng Tpil well nigbe the bap gan to fping.

> Ceplicit prima pars: et lequitur pars lecunda.

De nozice of Digettion the flepe (DE Ban on bein wpike / a bad bem take ber That moche meate and labout well haue reft Ind with a gapping mouther be bem all beft Ino faid it was tyme to be apowne for blobe was in his bompnacione Therpa he blode natures frende quod be They thanken bym galpyng by two by thie Ind cuery wight gan Dawe bom to bis rell Is flepe hem babbe and toke it for the belt Der Diemes (ball nat be tolpe for me full were ber heedes of fumolite That cauleth Diemer of whiche there is no char. They Repon tril it was prime large (ge The most parte but if it were Canace the was full melutable as women be for of her father bath the take her leue Togo to reft foone after it was eue Der lyft nat appalled for to be Re on the mozome bufeffische toz to fe And Repte ber firft flepe and amobe for luche a tope the in ber my tour toke Bothe of ber Ryng and of ber myzrour That twenty tymes the chaunged colour and in her flepe right for the impreffpon Of her mprouville had a bilpon Wherfore or the sonne gan by glyde She cleped by ber mailtres here bely de Ind faibithat ber luft for to arpfe These olde women that ben gladly wyle 36 ber maiftres answered her anone Ind laid: Madame | wheter woll pegone Thus erty for feike ben all in reft I well quot the acple for me left Ao lengar flepe/but walken about Der maiftreg cleped women a great rout Ind bother rplen/ weleten og twelue Up tyleth frelihe Canace her lelue As rubby and bright as the yong fonne That in the Ram is four Degrees prome Aohigher was bei whan the reby was And forthe the walketh eafely apaas Itaped after the lufty fealon fote Lightly for to play and malken on fote Aathut with frue of fire of ber mepne Ind in a trenche forthe in the parke gothe fbe The bapour whiche fro the erthe globe Maketh the Conne to Chyne rubby and brobe But neverthelelle it was fapre of light That it madeall ber bettes for to lyabt

What ... the featon and the morning 3no of the foules that The berbe fpng for alabt anone the wolf what they ment Ratt by ber long and knewe all ber entent he knotte wbp that every tale is tolde If it be tarped tyll the juft be colde of hem that have it barkened after pore The fauour paffeth and euer lengar the moze forfullomnelle of bisprolitite Ind by the lame teafon thenketh me I stulde buto the bnotte condiscende Ind make of ber walkping foone an ende Bimpoor a treforde reportas white as any chale Is Canace was playeng in her walke There late a faucon ouer ber beed full bpe That with a pitous bopce lo gan to cipe That all the mode relowned of ber cepe Ind beaten had ber felfe fo pitouffp With bothe her wonges toll the reed blode Ran endlong the tre there as the flode And euer in one (becryed alway and fhitable 3nd with her becke ber felfe to twoabt That there nas Trate no: fo ctueff beed That owelleth outher in wove of in forelt. That no loe have wept if he wepe coude for forome of ber thriche alman fo loube fortbere was neuer pet man on loue If that be coube a faucon well bilcerue Chatherte of luche another of favine Te 39 well of plumage as of geneyinelle Of Chappe and all that my abs cekened be I faucon peregrene than femed the Of fremde lande and euermoie as The flobe She (wowned nowe I nowe for lacke of blode Tell well neghe is the fallen fro the tre This farze konges boughter Canace That on her fyngte bate the quernt ryng Thoso we which the buderstode well enery this That any foule map in bis leben farne Ind coude and were in his leben agarne Dath biberftande, what this faucon farb Ind well might for the routhe almost the perd Ind to the tre the gothe full baftelp Ind on this faucon loketh full pitouffp Ind beide ber lappe abzode for well the moth The faucon must fall tro the twost inhan that it ( wowner nert for lacke of blobe-I long whole to warte there fbe fobe Tyll at the laft the fpake in this manere Minto the banke as pe Challafter bers

Theat is the capies if it be for to tell That pe be in this fuciall payne of bell Queb Canace bnto this banke about Is this lozo we of Dethe or lotte of loue for as I trome thele ben the causes two That causen most a gentpil bert wo Of other barmeitt techeth nat to fpeke for pe pourfeife, boon pour feife pe wieke Whiche preveth wellithat outher loue or brebe Dote be enthefon of pour cruell Debe Sonthat I fe none other wight pou chace for loue of god lo bo poutfelle grace D; what map be your beipe fo; weft ne Ecft Same I neuer oz no merbyzbe no; beeft That farbe with hom leffe lo pitoully pe flee me weth pour lozowe bertip Thaue of you logreat compation Toz gobbes louel come fro the tree abowne and as 3 am a kpnges boughter treme If that I berity the caufes kne me Of pour offeale if it lap in mp mpght I wolde amende it og it were npgbt Is was helpe me great god of kende Ind herbes (hall I right prome fpube Co beale with pour burtes baftelp Tho fhight this faucon pet moze pitoully Than euer the oppe and fell to grounde anone Ind lythe in a [ wo were as becd as any ftone Tpli Canacethath in ber lappe ber take Tinto tome (he gan out of her (wowne awake Ind after that The out of (wowne gan brapbe Kight in ber haukes leben thus fbe fapbe That price renneth Coone in gentpll hert Telpng his (pnitiptube in papnes (mer: Is proued all bay as men maple As well by werke as by authorite for gentell bert kebeth genteinelle I fe well that pe baue of my biftrelle Compastion/mpfapte Canace Of berp womanip benignete That nature in pour principles bath (et But fer no bope for to fare the bet Butfozta ober to pour hert fre And for to make other he ware by me As by the whelpe chaftiled is the lyon Right for that cause and that conclus por Whyle that Thous leplar and Chace Dopae barme I well confelle are I pace and euer whole that one ber lozowe tolpe Chat other mepteias (be to water wolde

Tell that the faucon babbe ber be figli Ind with a lighe thus the fato ber well athere I was breed alas that barbe bap Ind foftred in a roche of marble grap Sotenberly that nothing apled me Ine mpft what was abuerfpte Tyll I coude Apel full hpe buder the lap Tho brelled & Carcelet me falt bp That femed well of all gentplnelle 311 were be full of treason and fallnelle It was to wrapped binder bumble chere Ind buder bewe of trouthelin luche manere Minder plefaunce and budet bufp papie That Ine coute have wende be coute fapne So depe in greph be dpen his colours Kight as a lerpent bydeth bym budet flours Tpli he map le his tome for to bote Right fo this god of loues proceite Dothe lo bis lerimonres and his oberlaunces Ind kepeth in Cemblauce all bis oblecuaunces That fowneth bnto gentpluelle of loue Is in a tombel is all the fpre aboue And buber is the corps luche as pe wote Suche was this procrite bothe colde and bote Ind in this wple be letued bis entent That faue the fende mone woll what be ment Tpil be (o long hab wepte and complayned And many a pere bis fecurce buto me fapued Tpll that mp hert / to pptous and to npce All innocent of his crowned malpce for ferbe of his bethe las thought me alpon bis abee and bisfurete Graunted bym loue byon this condiction That cuermo myne bonout and my tenon Were laued bothe prine and spette This is to farne that after his befert I gave hom all mo bect and all mo thought Gob mote and he and other wple nought Ind toke his hert in chaunge of mone for ape But lothe is laid gone lithe is many a bap I treme wight and a thefe thenke nat one Ind whan he lawe the thyng lo farce agone That I had graunted hym my loue In fuche a gpfe/as Thaue faid aboue Ind grue bym my treme bert as fre As he (more he gave his bettto me Anone this Trare full of boublenette fell on his knees I with to areat bumblenette With highe reuerence and as by bis chere Do lphe a gentpil louer of manere

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So caup Theb I as it femed for the tope That neuer Troplus ne Barps of Trope Jafon certeffe/ne none other man Brn Lameth was that alberftrft began To louen two/ as waten folke beforne Ac neuer lithethat frift man was boine De couthe man by twenty thoulande parte Counterfapte the Cophping of his arte Be worthy to bubokelen his galoche There boublenes or farning (bulbe approche Re fo couth thanke a wight as he byo me Die maner was an heupn for to fe To any woman were the neuer to myle so paynted he his chere at poynt beurce Is well his wordes as his countenaunce Jud fo Tloued hom for his obeplaunce And for the trouthe I bemed in his hert That if so were that any thyng hym smert Ill were it neuer fo lyte and It woft Me thought I felte bethe at my hert twyft 3nd (boztly) Cofarforthe this thena is went That mp well was his welles inftrument This is to lay my well obeyed to his well In all thong as farre as reason full kepping the boundes of mp worldpppe euer Ac neuer had I thong fo lefe ne leuer Ashpm god wote/ne neuer Chall no mo This laften lengar than a pere or two That I supposed of hom nothing but good But finally thugat the last it stobe That fortune molde that he must twynne Dut of that place whiche I was iniz 1bbere me was wolit is no quellion T can nat make of it diferipcion for o thing pare I tell bolbely I knowe what the papie of bethe is therby Suche harme I fette that he ne might bleue so on a pap of mehetoke his leuc So lozoufully che that me wende bereip That be bab felte as moche forome as 7 Whan that Therbe bym focke Hame his beme But nevertheles/ thought he was fo trewe Ind che that he repapie (huide agapne Within a letell whele fothe tofapne And reason wolve che/ that he must go foz his honour and ofte it falleth fo That I made bertue of neceffite Ind toke it wele! fyn it nebes muft be 38 I bell myght'I byobe fro hym my forowe and toke bym by the habe faint John to bozow

And Tait ... 10 Tampoures all Bepeluct as I baue be to pour and fball What be infreced neverb nat to rebecce 10ho ca . Cepbet than he that can bo wers Whan be bath all faid than bath be bone Therroze behoueth hom to have a long fpone That Chall eate with a fende thus heroe I lap So at laft be muft forthe his map Ind forthe flyeth/ tyll be come there bym lya Whan it came hom to to purpose for to reft I trome be bad the terte in mpode That all thyna repersing to big kyabe Glabeth it felfe thus fer men as I gelle Men loue of proper konde newfangrineffe As byides done that men in cagestede To; there thou npate a petake of hem bede And frame her cage farze and fofte as fylke Ind peut hem fugte hony biced and mplace pet right anone as that his box is bo De with his fete fpurneth boune his cup And to the mode be well and wormes cate So newfangell ben ther of her meate And love noveltees of proper bynde Ao gentyineffe of blode may hom bunde So ferde this Carcellet, alas the day Though be were gentpil boane freithe and dap 3nd goodly for to le humble and fre Defame boon a tyme a kote fire And fodamie be loued this byte fo That all his loue is clene fro me go And hath his trouthe falled in this wole Thus hath the kyte my laue in her feruvez and Tam lome without remede Ind with that worde this faucon gan to crys And fowned efte in Canaces barme Great was the forome for the hautes ha tme That Canacci and all her women made They ny ft howe they my ahr the faucon alabe But Canace bome beareth ber in ber lappe Ind foftly in plafferes gan lier w: appe There as the with ber becke bad burte ber felue Aome can nat Canace but berbes belue Dut of the grounde and make falues news Of bethes precious and free of heme To beale with the banke fro bar to neght She bothe ber bufrneffe and all ber mrabt Ind by ber bebbes beed (bemiade a mewe And coucred it with beluettes blewe Infigne of trouthe that is in women lens Ind all without the mewe is paynted arene

# The frankeleyns prologue

In whiche were partied all thele take foules Is ben thele Cibyffes/tarcelles/and oules Right for difapter were paperted her beipbe pes on them for to cree and to chebe Chuslet I Canace ber baube keppng well as no beino more fpete of her reng Tril it come efte to purpole for to lapne Dome that this faucon gat ber loue agapne Repentpagias the flogie telleth bs 28 p mediacion of Camballus The kynges fonne of whiche I pou tolbe 23 ut bent forthe ] wpli mp proceste boloe Tolpeten of auentures and of bataviles That pet was neuer berbe fo great maruepiles first I worll you tell of Cambuscan Chat in bis tyme many a cytie wan And after woil I fpeke of Bigarfpfe Dome that be wan Theodoza to his topfe fo; whom fiell ofte in great perpil be was Ae bab be be holpen by the horse of bras Ind after well I fpeke of Camballo That faught in leftes with bretherne two for Canace or that be mpght ber won Ind there Tiafte I woll agapne beggn.

Cerplicitlecunda pars.

CIncipit pars tertia.

Poollo whyzileth bip his chare fo high Tell p god Dercurius house the flygh

There is no moze of the fquperstale.

The wordes of the franklepne.

A faithe lauper I thou hast the well pauit

Ind gentelly I praple well the well pauit

Oud the frankelepniconsporing the pouthe

of eleming thou spekest it I allouthe

of eloquence, that shalbe the pere

of eloquence, that shalbe the pere

of eloquence, that shalbe the pere

of eloquence, that shalbe the right good chauce

on in vertue sende the contenuaunce

for of the speche I have right great depute

have a some, and by the Tringte

have a some, and by the Tringte

have a some, and were fallen in my hande

be were a man of suche discretion

sthat pe ben, fpe on possession

But if a man be pertuous with all I have mp Conne (npbbed and pet Chall for be to bertue lefteth nat tentende But for to play at ople and diffende Ind lefe all that be bath is his blage And be bab leuer talken with a page Than to comune with any gentyll wight where he inpatt lerne gentplnelle aright Strame for pour gentymelle of the our holt 1bhat frankclepn parbellit wele thou wolt That eche of pou mote tellen at the left A tale of two/of breken his behelt That knowe I well (ir/qo this franke'epn I prap pou baue pe nat me in bilben Though to this man I (peke a wozde oz two Tell on the tall without wordes mo Bladly (it bolt quod be I well obep Unto pour well nowe berken what Tlep well pounat contrarpen in no wple Is farre as that my watte wall fuffple T pap to god that it map plefen pou Than wore I well that it is good pnowe.

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Defe olde gentril britons in her dapes Of bruces auctours maben ber lapes Report fratt in her owne batton tong Suche lapes / with her inftrumentes thep long Dz eis reben bem foz ber plefaunce And one of bem have I in remembraunce whiche I thall (az) with a good well as I can But (pis bycaule ] ama bozell man It my begynnyng fpall I pou beleche Daue me exculed of mp tube (pecbe Tierned neuer rethozike in certapne Thong that I [pekel mult be bare and playne I depte neuer in the mount of Bernalo Ac lerned Marcus Tulltus ne Cythero Colours knowe I none without brebe But fuche colours as growen in the mebe Di els luche as men open o; pepnt Colours of rethozike be to me queput De (praite feleth in no luche matere But and pe lpft | mp tale fbuil pe bece.

Thus endeth the frankelepus prologuel and bere begenneth bis tale.

# The frankciepns tale.



A Imozike/that called is Bzitapne There was a knight ploued a brobis Colerue ladyes i his best wife (papie And many a labour / a many a great empife De for bis laby wrought or f he was wonne for the was one the fayselt buber fonne And the there to comen of to high kyntebe That well bonneth burft the knight foz brebe Cell her his wolhis papnel and his diffrelle But at laft ( be for bis worthynelle Ind namely for his meke obeylaunce t) ath (uche appetpte caught of his penaunce That (be patuely fyll of his accoade To take him for her bulbande a her lorde Offuche lozofhip as me baue ouer ber wrucs' Ind for to lebe in the more blyffhe her lyues Ofhis fre well he (woze her as a knight That neuer in all his lyfe he day ne night Ae fhulde bpon bim take no maiftry Againft ber well ne kethe her iclouly But her obspland folowe her well mall Is any louer to his laby Thall same that the name offourrapnte That wolde he haue for Chame of his Degre She thanked him of his humblenelle She lato fre fpth of your gentlenelle pe profirme to haue fo large a repne Ac wolde god neuer betwir bs tweyne Is minp gelte were other warte of ftrpfe

sit! I well be pour humble treme wife Daue bere mp trouthe toll mp berte bieft Thus ben they bothe in quiete & in reft for one thing firs fauely bare Tlay That frendes eueriche other muft ober If they well lyue in peace a bolde company Loue well nat be conftrepned by maifter Whan maiftry is come of god of loue anone Beateth his winges a face well it is gone Loue is a thing as any thought fre for women of kynde Deliten leberte Ind nat to be conftrapned as a th:all Ind to both men if I the fothe tell ( ball Loke who is most e pacient in loue De is at his auauntage all aboue Dacience is an high bertu certain fo; it benquelfheth as derbes farn Thinges that rigour f ball never attarne for euery worde men may nat chyde or playne Lerneth to luffre o; els lo mot 7 gone pethall it lerne whether pe well or none for in this worlde certagne no wight is That he ne bothe or layth fourtyme a mys Tre fickneffe oz conftellacion Topne wo log changinge of complexion Caufeth full ofte to Do a mple o: fpeken On euery wonge a man may nat be wicken After the tyme must be temperaunce Co every wight that can of governaunce

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and therefore both this wyle worthy anight To iver in cale/luftraunce ber behight Ind (be to him full wylely gan (were That neuer Chuloe there be Defaute in here Dece men may le in bumble wyle accorde Thus bath the take ber letuaunt & ber logbe Dernaunt in loue/ a lozde in mariage Than was be bothe in logothip & in feruage Seruageinap but in lozofbip aboue price be bath bothe his lady and his loue b) is laby cectes and bis wyfe allo The whiche that lawe of loue accordeth thecto And when be was in this profperite Some with his waft he goth to his countre Aat fer fro Benmark there his bwelling was Where as be lpueth in bliffe & infolas Who coude tell but he if wedded had be The top the eafer and the prosperte That is bytwit an bulbande this wrfe I pere or more lafteth thes bliffull lyte Tell of this knight of whiche I spake thus That of Raytub was depeb Atuetagus shope him to gone a dwell a yere of twayne In Englande / p cleped was eke Butapne To leke in armes wealhpp and bonout for all his luft be lette in luche labout 3 no owelleth there two pere pobe laith thus Rome well I frite of this Aructagus And lpeke I well of Dozigene bis wefe That loued her bulbande as ber hettes lyte for his absence wepeth she and liketh Is done thele good wrues whan bem lyketh She mournery wakerh waylerh a playmety Delpze of his prefeuce lo her difteyneth That all this wybe worlde fbe fer at nought Der frendes that knewe her heup thought Comfosten ber in all that euer thep map They prechen bet they techen her nyaht & Day That cauleleffe the fleeth ber felfe alas and every comfort pollyble in that caas They bo to bet and all her bulynelle To auopde ber lozowe and her heupnelle By procelle as pe knowe euerpchone Men mowe lo longe graue in a ftone Tpll Come fpauce therin printed be so longe have thep comforted ber cell the Recepued bath/by hope a by teafor The enplutpinge of her confolacion Thosow whiche her gret lozo we begå to al wa be may nat alway buten in such a rage (ge

And the Arneragus in all this cace Dath fent her letters home of bis welfare Ind that he wolde come haltely agayne D; els hath this fojowe ber bert flapne Her frendes fame ber folowes gan for to flake And played ber on their knees to; goddes fake To com: and come her in companye Amep to bruen ber Derke fantelpe And fynaily the graunted that requell for well the lawe it was for the belt Rowe fode ber caftell fafte by the fee Ind ofte with her frendes walketh (he Der to dilporter boon the banke on bye where the many thyppes and barges fre saplinge her cours where hem left to go But pet was that a parcell of her wo for to ber lelfe full ofte alas lapb (be Is there no thep to many as I le Wolde bring home my lorde that were my here All waryfibed of his bytter paynes fmert Another tyme fbe wolde fette & thinke And call her epen bounwarde from the brinke But whan the lawe of gryfly rockes blake fuz berp feare lo wolde ber berte quake That on her fete lbe might nat luftene Than welde the fpt downe bpon the grene 3nd pytoufly in to the fee beholde And lapen right thus w lozo wfull figbes colbe Eterne god that thosowe the puruepauce Ledylt the wollde by certapne ofdenaunce In poell as men lap pe nothing make But lorde this grilly fendely tockes blake That lownen tather bute foule confusion Of werke than to any fapte creacion Of luche a parfyte wple god a a ftable abhy haue pe wrought this werke burelonable for by this werke northe fouthe welline el There nps pfofted man/byzbe/ne beeft It bothe no good to my wyt but annopeth Se pe nat lozbe/bowe mankynde it Diftropeth In hundred thousande bodges of mankende Daue rock; flain/ although thep be nat immoe syn mankynde is lo lapze a part of the werke Thou it made firft like to then owne merke Than Cemeth it/pe haue bo a great charpte Towarde mankynde/but how may it than be That ye luche meanes make it to diffropen Suche meanes ne Do no good but annopen I wote well clerkes well lap as bem ipt Bp argumentes/that all is for the bed

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Though I ne can the caules well knowe But that god that made the wynde to blome As kepe mp lozde this is mp conclution To clerkes let Jall Duputacion But wolde god/p all thele toches blake Were fonken in to bell foz bis lage Thele rockes ( lee my bette for feer Thus wolde ( be lap / with many a pytous teet Der frendes lawe pit was no bisporte To romen by the fee but Discomforte Ind Chapen for to play Commbere elles They leven her by tyuers and by welles Ind eke in other places bilectables They baunfen & pleyn at cheffe a at tables so on a day/right on the mozowe tyde Unto a garben that was there befpbe In whiche o they had made ber ozbynauce Of bitaple and of other purueyaunce They gone a pleyn bem all the longe Day Ind this was in the litte mojowe of Shap Whiche Map hath paynted to her loft Choures This garden full of leues and of floures Ind carfte of mannes bande to curpout ly Trappe hath this gardentre wip That neuer was there garben of fuche paife But if it were the bery parabyle The odour of floures 14 the freithe fraht molde haue made any herte leght That euer was bome but if to great fyckneffe Orto areat lozowe belde it in bifreffe So full it was of beaute with piclaunce Anone after opner gone they to Dalaice Ind fonge alfo faue Doztgene a lone Whiche made all way her copleynt ther mone for Chene lame bun in the baunce go That was ber hulbande and her loue allo But nathelelle f be muft ber tyme abyde Ind with good hope let her fozowest lybe Alpon this Daunce amonge other men Daunled a fouper before Dozigene That freffber was and tolper of arape As to mp bome than is the months of Dape He (practh & Daunfeth paffing any other man That is 02 was forthe the worlde began Therwithhe was if men Chulde him Difcryue One of the best farping men on lyue penge frange bertuous rpche and wpfe and well befoued and holden in great pale and Chostly of I the Cothe tell Chall Unwetpng of this Bougene at all

This luf lauper feruaunt to Tlenus Whiche jat cleped mas Aurelius Dath I wed her best of any creature Two pere or more as was his auenture But leuer durft betell her his greuaunce without the cup branke he all his penaunce De was dispapied nothing burft belep Sauc in his longes fombele wolde the wier Dis wolas in a generall complaying De lapo he loued t was belouco nothena Of luche maters made he mery lares Songes coplaphtes rondels byzelaves Dowe that be dutit nat his folowe tell But langupng as a fury bothe in bell And ope he lapo he must as ord ecco for Parcius that durit nat tell his wa In other maner than ve here no we lav Acourly he nat his wo to her bewray Sauc perauentute atteffes and Daunles There vonge folke kepen her obferugunces It may well ben he loked in her face In luche a wyle as men that aren grace But nothing wift the of his entent Aathelelfe it happed or they thens went Because that he was her nepathbour And was a man of worf hpp and honous Ind had knowen him of tymes voic They fallen in speche 3 so more and more In to his purpole diewe Aurelius Ind whan he faw his trine he land thus Madame quod he by goo p this worlde made Sothat Twelf Imight pour bere glade wolde that day that your Acueragus Went ouer the fee that Turclius Dad gone there I shulde neuer come agarn fo; well I wote my letuyce is in varne Mp queroom is but breffing of men berte Madame rewe on my paynes fmerce for with a worde pe mar me (larne or faue Dere at your fete god wolde I were begraue Inchaue as nowe no more lepfer to lep Dane mercy (wete and do menacto bye She gan to loke bpon this Aurelius Is this pour wyll quod fbe tlar ve thus Acuer erft quod (be ne wolt I what ve ment But nowe Aurelpe Thowe your entene By that god that pare me foule and lefe Re Chall Ineuer be butrewe werte In worde ne in werke as fer as I baue met well be his to whome that I am kart

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Cake this for fpnall antwere as of me But after than in pley thus layb ( be Aurely Capo ( beiby bpat) god aboue pet woll I graunt pou to be pour loue ma Te poulo petoully compleyne Loke what Dap/that endlonge Butapne pe remeue all the rockes from by fronc That they ne let Chep ne bote to gone Tap whan pe hade made the coft to clene Of rockes that there is no fone flene Than well I loue pou beft of any man Have beremp trouthe in all that euer I can Is there none other grace in you quod be Ao by that logbe quod Cheithat maked me for well I wote that it Chall neuer betyde Let luche folpe out of pour bette alipbe What Depute Chulbe a man haue in bis lyfe forto go loue another mannes wyle That bath ber body whan to phim lpketh Bureliug full ofte loze (pheth mo was Jurely whan that he this herbe Ind with a loze whill berte be thus answerbe Maname quod be this were impossible Than muft I bpe mlodepn dethe bogrible Ind with that worde be turned bim a none Tho came her other frendes many one And in the aleyes comeden by and bown Ind nothpinge wpften of this conclutioun 3nd fodaynip begonnen reuell newe Tell the bright Conne lolte his hewe for the Dissonte had reft the Conne ber leaht That is as moche to lap as it was night Ind home they gone in top and folas Saue only wetcheb Autelius alag He to his house is gone with so whill hert De lapthe phe ne map from his deth aftert Dom Cemed that be feleth his bette colbe Unto beuen bis bandes he gan bolde and on his knees bace he lette him boun And in raupng lapd this offoun for berp wo out of his wpt be brande Be mofte what he [pake/but thus he lapbe Touth pytous best his playnt bath begonne Zinto the goddes and first buto the lonne 1)e Capo Appollo god and gouernour Of every plante berbeitte and flour That peuelt after thy Declynacion To eche of hem his tyme and his leafon And thene berbero we chaungeth lo we & bre Lorde Dhebus i caft the merceable epe

On wretched Aucely whiche am but lome Lolozde/mp lady bath mp beth [wome 1Dithouten aplte/but thy benyanpte Alpon mp deedly bett have some pyte But well I wote/lozde Bhebus if pelpit pe map me belpe laue mp laby best Aowe bouchelaufeithat I map you beuple Dowe that I map be holpen a in what wple pour bipf full fuster Lucpan the Chene That of the lee chefe goddes is a quene Though Aeptunus haue Depte in the lee pet Emprelle aboue bym is Che pe knowe well lozde right as ber befyze Is to be gurckened a lightned of your free for whiche the foloweth you full bufply Ryght to the fee delyzeth naturally Tofolowe ber and the that is goddeffe 28 othe in the fee / t truets more and leffe Wherfore lorde Whebus this is my requell Do this my tacle log Do mpn bette breft. That nowe next at this oppolicioun Within whiche ligne Chall be the loun As property ber lo great a flode to bring That four fadom at the left it ouer fpzing The hyell rockelin Armozyke Butanne And let this dode endure peres twapne Than certes to my lady may I lap Holdeth pour helt the rockes be away Lozde Dhebus/this myzacle do foz me Drage her that the go no fafter cours than pe Lap thus pray pour lufter that fbe go Ao faster cours than pelin peres two Than Chall Che beat euen full all way and foring flode latt bothe night and bap Ind but pe bouchelaufe in luche manere To graunt me mp loucraph lady dere Diap her to fpnke euerp rocke abowne In to hell her owne berke manipowne Under the grounde there Bluto Dwelleth in Dineuer no fhall Implade wen Chy temple in Delphos well I barfote leke Loide Phebus le thateates on inp cheke And of my payne/have fome compassioun And with p worde in Cooune he fpll a bown Ind longe tyme be lay forth in a traunce Dis brother whiche knewe his pensunce Tip caught him/a to bedde bath bym brought Dispayed in this turment is in this thought Let I this wofull creature le Chefe he whether be well love or ope

### The franktlepns ta'

Arucragus with beale and bonour Is he that was of chyualry the flour Is comen hame and other worthy men I blyffull acte thou no welthou Tozigen That batt the bleffull bulbande in then armes The fredhe knight the worthy man of armes That loueth the as his owne bertes ipfe 130 thyrige ne lyft be to be pmagpnatpfe If any wight had spoke whiles he was oute To her of loue therof bab be no boute De nat entenbeth to no luche matere But Daumeth sudeth and maketh good chere Ind thus in top & blyffe I let bem owell And of the licke Aurelius woll I tell In langour and in turnient furious Two pere and more lap this Aurelius Dranp fote he input on erthe gone Ac comfort in this tyme had be none saue of his brother whiche was a clerke De knewe all this wo and all this werke for to none other creature certapn Of this mater be butft no worbe farn Under bis breft be bare it more fecte Than ever opo Whamphilus for Galathe Dis breft was hole without for to lene But in bis berte ave was the arrowe kene As well pe knowe of a furfanure In fargerye full perious is the cure But men might touche parow or come therby Dis brother wepeth and wapleth princly Toll at lat bim fell in remembraunce That wholes be was at Diliaunce in france Is ponge derkes that ben ipcozous To reben actes that ben curyous Seken in euerp halke and euerp herne Darticuler Cciences for to letne De hom cemembred that boon a dap In Deliaunce in his fluop a boke he lap Of magphe naturell/whiche his felawe That was that tome a bacheler of lawe Had privety boon his belke lafte All were be there to lerne another crafte Whiche boke (pake moche of operacions Touching the englit & twenty mancions That longen to the mone and fuche foly As in our Dapes is nat worthe a fire for holp chyrche fapth in our beleue Ac luffreth nat illufpon be to greue And whan this boke was in remembraunce Anone for top his berte gan to baunce

and to a selection (and princip shy b ster warellheol hall behaftelp. for amfphet/that there beleiences 23p uhichemen make byuers apparences Southe as thele lubtyll tregetouresplay fo; ofte at feftes haue I wetiberbelap That trenctoures within an ball large. Haue made come in a water and a barre and in the balle towen by and boun Some tome bath Cemeb come a great froun and fomtyme floures fpung as in a mebe Sometpine a bone f grapes whote a rebe Somtome a caftell of tome and fone and whan he lyketh it vopoeth anone Thus lemeth it to many a mannes (pabe Rowe than conclude I thus if I my abs Mit Diliaunce Come olde felome frate That had the mones manfions in mpnde Di other magpke naturell about Defhulde well make my brother baue bis loue for with an apparence a clerke may make Comannes fight that all the rockes blake Df Butanne were bopded enerpchone Ind thyppes by the bunkes comen and gone Ind in luche fourine enduren a ipeki or two Than were my brother warp thed of his wo Than muft (be nedes bolde ber bebeit Diels helball (bame ber at the left What ( bulbe I make a lenger tale of this Linto his brothers bedde peome beis Ind luche comforte he pate him for to gone To Dilpaunce that he by there anone Ind on his way than on watoe is be fare Inhope for to be bipled of his care 10han they were come | almost to that cyte But if it were a two forlonge or thre A ponge clerke compng by bim lette they met Whiche that in large theiftely bini gret Ind after that be lapd a wonder thong I knowe quod be the caufe of your company Ind ere they further any fote went De colde hem all what was her entent This buton clerke him ared offeto bes The whiche be bad knowen in olde bares Ind he answerd him that they beed were for whiche he wepte full many a tere Downe of his boile Auretius leght anon and with this magicien forthe be gan gon Frome to his boule a made bim well at cafe Dem lacked no vitagle i phenimate please

# The frankelepristale.

be thell acapen houle as there to as one Beeting in his lyfe lawe never none foretes apartes full of topice Dece Therelage be bettes meth ber bomes bre The greatest that were exectly with eye Se la we of hem and jubeet lapus with houses Ind Come of acomes blebein bytter woundes the lame when bopbed were thele wylde dece The fatoceners upon a fapte toucte That touth ber haukes/han the Decons ( lapn Tho fe be brightes/tuft ynge in a playn Ind after this the byd bim luche plealaunce That be bumfbewed/bis laby in a baunce In whiche bim leife bauled as him thought and whathis mailer p this mages wrought Same it was tyme be clapped his habes two Ind farewell all our reuell was all poo Ind yet remeued they never out of the hous Whyle they lawe all this lyght meruaylous But in bis Budy there his bokes be They forten firit and no wight but they thre To him this mapter called his fquper 3nd Capb him thus/15 redp out Cupper 31moff au hour itis I bnocttabe Son I pou bad our lupper fo; to make Toban y shele worthy men went with me Into mp ftubp there mp bokes be Spaguod the fquper whan it lyketh pou Tris all redy though pe well right nowe Go we than cup quod be it is for the belt Thefe amerous folke Comtyme muft haue reft And after supper full they in treate What Come Chuide the mariters guerdom be To cemeue all the rockes in Butayne And the from Geronde to p mouth of Sapne De made him ftrange be lwoze lo god him faue Leffe than a thoulabe poude be wold nat haue Ac gladip to; that fome be noibe nat gone Aurelius with bipf full berte anone apth thus fpe on a thoulande pounde The wate worlde whiche mentay is rounde I wolde st penerif I were loade of it This becappe is full offue & full knyt pe ( bull be pay be tremly by my trouthe 23 ut loketh no we for none negligéce ne flouthe pe taspe by bere/no lenger than to mojo we Aap on the derke/baue bere my faith to bolow To bedde be goth! Autelius whan him left and well neghall that neght he had reft

10 hat for his isbouris for his hope of birile Dis wofull bette of penaunce bad aiple alpon the mozeme/ whan it was bap To Bretame tobe they the right they Aurelius and this magetien him belyde And be discended there they well aby be Ind this was as the boke bothe remembre The colde frofty fealon of Decembre Phebus wered olders bewed ipke latoun That a foze in his bote Declynacious Shone as o burned golde wittemes bright But nowe in Capricome a downe he light Where as he Chone full pale | Toare well fapne The bytter froftes with the flyt and rapne Diffroyed hath the grene in euerp perde Tanus let by the face with double berde And bunketh of his bugle home the wome Brfoine hun fant brawne of ptulked lwpne And nowell creeth every lufty man Aurchus in all that euer be can Dothe to his marfter chere and reverence Ind prayeth him to bone his opligence to bringe him out of his paynes (mert D: with a (werde p he wolde ( let his hert This fubtile clerke fuch couth had of this ma That night & day be fped him that be can To warte a tyme of his conclusioun This is to lay to make illusioun 23 pluche an apparent iogelepe a can no termes of aftrologye That the and every wyght thulde wene a Cap That of Bitapne the rockes were away Di els they were sonken under the grounde so at the laste be hath his tyme prounde To make his tape and his wetchronelle of fuche a superficious curledneile Distables tolentanes forthe he brought full well corrected it lacked nought A cyther his colet/ne his expans peres Achis rotes ne bis other geres 35 ben his centres and his argumentes And his proporcyncli convengentes for his equacions in every thena And by his enght spece in his working De knewe full well howe fer alnath was [bous fro the heed of that fire Aries about That in the nonthe fpere confedered is full Subtelly be had calked all this libhan be had founden his frift manfioun he knewe the remenaunt by proporcious

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And knewe the cplpng of his mone wele and in whole face a terme and everybela And knewe well the mones manlioun Attendant bnto bis operacioun In knewe allo well/his other obleruaices for fuche tilutions and fuche milchaunces Is hethen folke bleben in tho bares for whiche no lenger maketh he belapes But thorowe his magrae for a weke of twep It femed that all the tockes were awey Jucelius pet/ whiche that Difpapzed is where he chall have his love of fare a mys And wapteth night a day on this myzable Ind whan be knewe there was none obstable That boyded were the rockes echone Downe to his may flees fetche fell anone Ind land I wofull weetched Burelius Thanke poutozde and my lady Uchus That me have holpe fro my cares colde Ind to the temple his way hath he holde where as he knewe be fhulbe his laby fe Ind whan he lawe his tyme anone right he with Deebfull herte a with humble chere salewed bath his fouerann laby bere APp right bere lady quod this wofull man Ibhome I moft brede and loue as T beft can Ind lothelt were mall this worlde oufpleale Bereit that for you I have luche opleale That I mote bpe bere at your fote anon Rought wolde I tell poume is wo begon But certes of mult ope of plagne pelleeme apitielle foz bery pagne . But of my bethe though rehaue no routhe Abupleth nowe or that pe breke your trouths Ind repente you for that god about Dape mellee bycaufe that I pouloue for madame pe wote what pe have hpahs Pat that I chalenge any thong of trait Of you my louetaph lady but of your grace But in the garden ponder in luche a place pe wyttenright well/ what pe behetyn me Ind munn bande there your trouth plight pe Co loue me bell god wote pe lapo lo All be it that birworthy The therto Debaine Tipeke it for the honour of you Doze thá for to faue mp hertes lyfe right now f haue bo for as ye comaunded me And if pe bouchelaufe pe mome gole wotheas pour lyft haue your beit in mynde for gures or beed right there that reme frnde

Inpoult qualito bo me lpue or bep 25 ut me'. I moteftbe rockes ben amen De tak .ch bis leaue and (be aftenen Robe In al ber face mas there o biope of blobe Sh wende neuer to come in luche a trappe Mlas quod the peuer this thuloc bappe for wende I neuer by pollibplite That luche a monttre or meruaple might be It is against the proces of nature Ind home ( he gothe a locoufull creature for very feare bunethe might fbe go She wepeth and wapteth a bar o: two And (wownert) that it routhe was to le 23 ut why it was but o no man tolde [be for out of towne was gone Brueragus But to her lettel he lyake and land thus With face pale and foroutuil there In her complapte as pel bull after bere Mlas quod ( be on the fortune 3 plapne That buwate wrapped hall me in thy chapme fro whiche to scape knowe Ino locour Saue only bethe or to great bil bonous One of thele two behoueth me to chele But natheles per had I lever lele De lefe than of my boop baue af bame D: knowemp leife falle o: lele my name Ind with my bethe I map be aupt puns Dath there nat many an noble wofe or this Ind many a maybe (lapne ber leife alas Rather than with her body done a trefpas pes certes thele flories beareth mythelle 10 han thrity triauntes full of cutledne Te Dad Clayne fidon in Ichenes at freft They comaunded his doughters for to arreff And bringe byforne bem in balbyte Ill naked to fulfoil ber foule Delpte 3nd in her faders blode they made bem bance Alpon the pament god grue bem muchaunce for whiche the worull may dens full of drede liather than they wolde lefe ber mardenbede Ther ben princip ffette in to a well And dieparthemfelte as the bokes tell They of Deceme leten enqueze and leke Of Lacebomp frfty mapbens che On whiche they wolden a bone ber lechery Bit was there none of all that company That the nas flapne a with a glad entent Chefe rather for to ove than for to affent To be oppreded of ber map benbebe Why [ bulde ] than to pre be in disde

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Lo the thetysaunt Ariffectibes (Chat loved a marke/beght Stymphalides libap bes facher Harne was en a negbe Minto Denes temple gothe ( he right Ind beneethe prinage in her bandes two from whiche pringer wolde The neuer go Ao wight the bandes of het myght arace Tell (be was Rapne/right en the place A owe (pete that may bens hab luche Difpyte To ben Defouled with mannes Delpte well ought a topfe/tather her felfe to fle Than be Defouled as it thee beth me What ( ball Tiap of Waldubaldes wyfe That at Cartage/berefte ber lelfe her lpfe Whan pipelame the comapns wan the towne Sbe toke ber chylogen all'a (kipped a Downe In to the fore land thate tather to bre Than any comapne opd bet bylonpe Warh nat Lucrece Clayne her felfe alas It isome for that the oppreffed was Of Tarqueneifo; ber thought it was a Chame To ipue whan the bad loft her name The feuen mapbens of Bellefpe allo Daue [layne bem felfe/foz bery Dzebe a too Bather than p folke of Ball Quid bem oppzelle 200 than a thoulande fromes as I gelle Coude Ttell as touchping this matere Mban Ibrabate was Clapn bis wpfe fo bere Her felle flough and let her blobe to gipbe In Ibjabates woundes bepe and wros And land my body at lette way There Chall no wight defople if I map What [ hall I of bein mo enlamples layne spth that lo many have bemicifel larne Well rather than they wolor Detouled be Twyll conduberthat it is the best to me To flee my felferthan be Defouled thus well be treme buto drueragus Di cisfice mp felfe in fome manere Right as Dpd Democenes boughter Dete 13p caule [ be ne wolde defouled be D Cedalusittis full great ppte To rede howe thy boughter oped/alas That (lough ber felfe in fuche maner caas As great price at was of well more The Theban mapben/that for Archanoze Der felfe (lough right fo; luche maner wo And another Theban mapben byd right fo for one of Macedone had ber ouer preiled sobe with ber beth/her may benhede redjeffeb mbat ( ball I Capne of Aiceratis tople That for luche a cale | betafte ber lelfe ber lyfe Dowe treme eke was allo Altebeades That for his love to open rather thees Than for to luffee his body bubuched to be Lo whiches were was Alcellerallo quobiles What farth Omert of good Benelope 311 Scece kno weth of her challyte Darde of Lacebonica is waiten thus That whan at Trop was flagn Prothefclaus Aolenger woldel belpue after bis bap The fame of noble Bozepa tell I map Without Brutus coude (be neuer lpue To whome ( be had her bette all peue The parfece wpfebode of Arthemore Donoured is thoso we out all Barbarpe O Tenta queneithy wyfely challyte To all would may a my tout be The fame thringe I fay of Belgea Of Robogone and che Maleria Thus playneth Dougene la Day outbey Durpolying ever that the wolve dep But nathelelle/vpon the thyide nyght Dome cometh Acueragus the worth knight Ind afacth ber why that the wepeth fo fore and the gan wepe/cuer lenger the moze Mlas quod ( heithat euer ] was bome Thus have I lapo or Che thus have I Chorne Ind tolde him all the cale by and bp Howe the had prompted ignorantly The fquper lipke as ye have herde to foze It nebeth nat to reherce it any more This hulbade with glad chere in frendly wple Inswerde and layor as I shall beuple Is there ought els Bozigene but this Aar nar (belard god beipe melo as work This is to in pale at were goddes well pe wyfe quod he/let (lepen that is apli It may be well pet perauenture to Dap pelhall pour trouth holde by mp fap for god to wplety have mercy on me I had well lever frebed for to be for very loue whiche I to you have But re (bulde your trouthe kepe and laue Trouthe is the hyelt thong of man may kepe But with that worde he braft anon to wepe And land I pou forbede on paper of beth That neuer whyle pou lafteth lyfe oz bzeth To no wyaht/to tell of this mplauenture 36 3 map belt 3 well mp wo enduce

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Ac make no countenauce of heupnelle That folke of pou/map deme harme or gelle Ind forthe he cleped a fquper and a maybe Go forthe anone with Dorigene he larde And bringe ber to fuche a place anon Thep toke ber leaue 13 on her wap thep gon But they ne woll why fbe thyber went De wolde no wyght tell his entent Decauenture an hepe of you pwys well holden bym a lewde man in this That be well put his wrfe in icopardre Derkeneth the tale of pe on hom cepe She may have better fortune than you femeth And whan that ye han becde the tale bemeth This squper/whiche that hight Aurelius On Dozigeneithat was lo amerous Of auentuce happed ber to mete Impo the towne right in the guyckeft frete Is the wolde have gon/the way forthe right Towarde the garden there as the had hight And he was to the gardyn warde allo for well be loped whan the wolde go Out of ber boule/to any maner place But thus thep meten bp auenture a grace And he falueth her with glad entent Ind affed ofher whytherwarde f he went and the antwerde halfe as the were mad Unto the garden as my hulbande bad Ap trouthe for to holde alas alas Jurclius gan to wonder in this caas Ind in his herte had great compassion Of her chere and of her lamentacion Ind of Acueragus the worthy knight That bad ber holde that I be had bright So loth him was iffine fhuld breke her trouth Ind in his beet be caught of this great routh Confedence the best on cuery fybe That from that luft pet were him leuer above Then to bo lo by ah a folishe weetcheoneste Igaynft fraunchple and gentylneffe for whiche in fewe wordes land be thus Madame lap to pour loide Arucragus That lythe I lehis great gentylnelle To you and the I le your great byfreffe That him were leuer haue Chame a p were rou That ye to me this (buld breke your trouth (th I have well leuer euer co fuffre wo Than I thuld beparte ploue bytwir poutwo A pou relece madame in to pour hande Quete euery furement and euery bonde

Chat pr aue made to me as bere beforme Spehe chat tpine that pe were first bome Day ir suthe pplight I Chall pe neuer repreue Df none behelt and here I take my leue As orthe trewell and che the beft myfe That euce pet & knewe in all imp lpfe But enery worte beware of ber bebefte On Dozigene remembreth at lefte Thus can alqueer do a gentle Debe As well as can a bnpght withouten biebe She thanked bem boon ber knees all bare Ind whome to ber bulbande is f be fare Ind tolde bim all as pe haue berde me land And be pe fpket be was well apand That it were impostyble me to write What Chulde I lenger of this cale endpte Atuetagus and Dongene bis wofe In louerayn bipile leben forth ber lofe Beuer after was there anger bem byt wene De cheepshed her as though she were a quene Ind the was trewe to him to: cuermoie Of thefe two folke pe get of me no more Aurelius that his coffe bath all for lorne Curled the tyme that euer be mas boins 3las alas quod be that I behraht Of pured golde la thoulande pounde merabe Tinto this Phylosopher howe Thall 700 I le no moze / but that 7 am fo: Do Mon berttage I muft nedes fell Ind be a begger here I map nat dwell Ind thamen all my kyntede in this place But Jofhim may gette some grace Butnathelelle 7 wyll of him allap At cettapine peres and dayes to pay Ind thanke bym of his great curtefre My trouthe well I kepe I well nat lee With herte fore be gothe unto his cofer Ind brought golde buto this phylosopher. The valewe of frue hubred pounde & gelle And hym belecheth of his genevinelle Co graunt him baves of the remenaumt Ind land mayfter I bate well make quair I fapled neuer of my trouth as per for lipkerly my bettel ball well be quit Towarde you howe euer that I face To go a beggyng mmp kvitell bare But if pe wolde bouchelaufe on furete Two fere or thre for to respete me Than were I well for ets mot & fell Myn berptage there is no more to tell

# The wyfe of Bathes prologe.

This phylolophic Coberly and werbe Inblare thus whan be bis woodes berbe Daue I nat bolbe couenaunt bnto the pes certes/well and trewly quod be Haft thou net bad thy lady as the lyketh Ao no quod be and lo coufully he lybeth What mas the caule tell me if thou can Aurelius anone bis tale began And tolde bim all/as pe haue herde befoze It meberb nat to reherce it you no moze Defapo Trueragus of gentpluelle Hadleuer to bre in forowe and in diffrelle Than that his wpfe were of her trouth fals The forome of Porigene be tolde hun als Dowe loth ber were to be a wreked wrft Ind that [ be had leuer haue loft her lyfe And ber trouth ( be ( woze thozo we innocence She neuer erft had berde fpeke of apparence That made me to baue in ber lo great pyte Ind right as freiplas be Cent ber to me As frely fent 7 ber home to bim agapn This is all a Come there is nomoze to fayn This phyloCopber answerde leue brother Querpche of you byb gentplnelle to other

Thou arte a Couper/and he is a knyabs But god fozbede foz his blyf full myabe But that a clerke coube to as gentle a Debe Is well as any of your it is no brede Spil T releale the thy thoulande pounde As nowe thou were cropen out of the groube Ac neurt og nowe habbelt knowen me for [pri] well nat take a penp of the for all my crafte/ne for all my trauaple Thou half well papte for mp bptaple It is ynowe fare well & haue good bay and toke his horle a forth be goth his way Lozopnaesithis queftion than alke Tpou Whiche was the most fre as thenketh you Aowe telleth me ere that pe further wende T can no moze/mp tale is at an ende.

There endeth the frankeleyns tale/ and here followeth the wyfe of Bathes prologe.





Epertece/though none auctorite were i this wollde is right ynow for me Cofpete of wo that is in mariage But loides fon I twelue pere was of age Chanked be god/that is eternall alpue Bulbandes at the church Doze haue I had frus If I fo ofcen might haue webbeb be . Ind all were worthy men in her degre But me was tolde/nat longe a go ywps That lith Cepft went neuer but ones To weddyng in the Cane of Galilee That by the fame enfample taught be me That Ine webbed Chulde be but ones Lo be whiche a Charp worde for the nones Baybe a well Jefus god and man spake in ceptete of the Samaritan Thou half had frue bulbandes laid be Ino that ilbe man/that no we bath the Is nat the bulbande thus the lapt certain what he mente therby I can nat fapn But that I alke why p the fyfth man was nat buf bande to the Samaritan Dowe many might be baue in mariage pet berbe I neuer tellen urmpn age Of this nombre bery biffynicioun Men mobe beme and glofe bp an boun But well I wote expreffe withouten lys That god bad be were and multiplye That gentle text can 7 well bider fande Che well I wote be fait that myn bulbande Shulbe leaue faber amoder and take to me But of nombre no mencion made be Of bygamp of of Octogamp Why Chulde men speke of it belong Lo berethe wofe kong ban Salomon I crowe be bad wrute mo than one Is wolde to god it lefull were to me To have refreithyng halfe lo ofte as be Tobiche a perte of goo had be for all his wouls Ao man bath (uche fin this worlde on lyue is God wote thes noble bing as to my wytte The first night had many a mery fytte with eche of bem/fo well was bim on lyue pe bleffed be god for I have had foue Df whiche I have pyked out the beft Bothe of her nether purs and eke her cheft Douces Coles maketh parfete clerkes And byuers practike in many fondry werkes Maketh the werkman partytelikerly Ditrue bulbandes leolonge am 1

Welcom .geurte: bhan that euer be Chall forfot . I well nat kepe me chaft mall Whan my but bande is from the worlde paon Some chatten man Chall webbe me anon fo: . be apolic (apth that I amfre To webde a gobbes halfe white it lpketh me the layth to be webbcb it is no fpnne Better it is to be webbed than to brenne What recketh me though mentap brions Of (bewbe Lameth and of bis by gamp wote Abraham was a full boly man And eke Jacob as fer as cuer I bere can And cobe of bem bad mo wpues than two and many an other boly man allo Where can pe lap in any maner age That euer gob befenbeb martinge By expette wordes I prap pou tell me Di where comaunded be euer byig mite I wote as well as pett is no diede The apostell whan he spake of mapben bebe De layo that therof precept had be none Men may countable a woman to be one But councaple is no maner comaund einens De putteth that in our owne ingement fer had god comaunded may ocubede Than bad be bampned weddping out of dette And certes if there nece no lede plome Mirgynite what (bulde therof grows Daule durft nat comaunde at lette I thing whiche bis maitter pafe none beffe The batte is let byon birgingte Catche who to may who renneth best let fe But this worde is nat take of every wighs But there as god well peue it of his might I wote well the apolicil was a mapbe But natheleffe though he waote and land He wolde enery weath were fuche as be Ill is but countaple to birapmite Mind for to be a topfe be pate me leue Of indulgence fo it be nat to represe To webbe me if that my make bye Without exception of Brgampe All were it good no woman to; to touche De mente in his bedde of in his couche for parell it is frie towe to affemble ye knowe what this enfample may extemble This is all and fome be beloe birgraite More parfete than weddeng in fregle freplite clepe Tout if that be o: the Wolde leven all berlyfe in chaffree

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Jaconst it Well I have none enuy Though mapbembene preferre bygamy Teletatham to be dene in boby and golle Ofmpo chats/ | wyll make no bolle full well I mowera lozbe in his boulbolbe Bath nat every bellell of (pluet & of golde ome ben oftre and bone ber lozbe leruple God clepest to bem folke im fondig wpfe And erbe bath of god a proper pette comethis/ Come that/as bum ip@fbpfte Mirginpte is a great perfection Ind contynence che with beuocion But Cept that is of perfection the well Bad nat cuery wight be Chuide go fell Bil that be bath and peue it to the pooze Ind in luche wple folowe him a his fore De Coake to bumithat well ique parfetly Ind lordynges by pour leaut p am nat 1 I well bestowe the sour of all men age in the actes and in the frupt of maryage Cell me alforto mbat conclusion Were membies made of generacion And of to pactyte wyle a wyght y wrought Truft me well/thep be nat made for noughs Glole who to well a fay be and bowne That they were made to; purgacioun Of brine and of other thinges (male mas che to knowe a female from a male and for no caule elsilar pe no The experience wote well it is nat lo So that ye clerkes with me be nat wrothe Tay thus that they be made for bothe That is to lap bothe for offpce and for cale Of engendure there we god nat difplele Why foulde nat els men in bokes lette That man (hall pelde to bis wyfe ber bette There with thulbe be make his payment If be ne bled bis felp intrument Than were they made bpon a creature To purge hun and ehe to engendzure But I lay nat/that every wight is bolde That bath luche barneis as 4 to poutolbe To as and ble bem in engendure Than Chulbe men of chaltpte take no cure Cryft mas a mapbeland (bapen as a man And many a famtifythe the worlde began pet lpued they ever in parfite challyte But Enpll enupe none bicapnite Let bem with baced of pured whete be fed and let to be wruce bott backy breed

Ind pet with barly breed as Barke tell can Dur lozde Jelus/refrellied many aman In (wyche aftate as god bath cleved bs I well perfeuer | I am nat precious In wyfebode well I ble myn indrument Is frely as my maker bath it Cent If I be haungerous/gob peue me fozotbe 909 bulbandelball it haue both eue & mozothe 10han that him ipa/come forthe & pay his dette In hulbande well I baue I well nat lette That (halbe bothe my dettout and my theall And have his trybulacion with all Tipon his dellbe/whyle p ] am his wpt The power I have buringe all my lpte 28 other of his proper body and nat be 15 ight thus the apostell colde it me Ind bad our bulbandes for to love by tocle 311 this Centence me leketh eucry Dele Tip ferte the pardoner and that anon Aowe daine of helby god a by laint John pe be a noble prechour in this caas I was about to wedde a wpferalas What Chulde I bye it on my delibelo bere pet had I leuer wedde no wyfe this pere Bbyde quod (be/my tale is nat begonne Bay thou (balt bringe of a nother tonne D: that I go/fball fauour worfe thanale Ind whan I baue tolde forthe mp tale Of tribulacion/that is in mariage Of whiche am expert in all myn age This is to lay mp felfe haue be the tobin Than may it thou chele whether thou mpt (in Of that tonne that I the shall broche Beware of it of thou to npgh approche for I ( hall tell enfamples mo than ten abho fo well nat beware by other men By him Chall other men corrected be Thefe fame wordes writeth Deboloms Rede in his almegelt and take it there Daine I well pray poulif pour well were Sayo this pardoner as pe began Tell forthe your tale (pare for no men And teche be ponge men of pour practphe Gladly quod the lithe it may you loke But that I pray to all this companye If that I (peke after mp fantelpe Is take nat a grefe of that Tlay for inprientent is but for to plap Aowelpis than well I tell you forth my tale As cuer I mult brinke wone or ale

I ( hall top toth thefe butbandes that I has This of hem were good and the were bab The thre men there good and riche and olde .. alimethe nipoht thep the ftatute holoe In whiche they were bounden buto me pe wote well what I meane parbe Is belpe me goo! I laugh whan that I thenhe Howe pytouily a night & made hem to Cwynke 3 no bp my fapth | pate of bem no Boze They had me peue her londe and her trefore Ane nebeth nat to bo hem lenger bpligence To wyme ber loue 101 Do bem reuerence They loued me to well by god about That I ne tolde no depute of ber loue I wple woman wyll buly ber euer in one To get ber loue pe therei be bath none Buclethe I had hem holy in my hande Ind after they had peue me her lande What Chulbe Jeake Bepei bem for to pleafe But if it were for my protyte or for myn eafe Thelde bem lo a weeke by my fay That many a nyaht they longe welaway The bacon was nat fet to: bein I trowe That Come man hath in Giler at Donmo we I gouernet bem lo well after my lame That eche of bemifull bigffull was a fame To bring me gav thynges fro the feyre They were full fapni wha I Chake to hem fapze for goo it water & chyo bem (pytoully Aowe berke bowe I bace me properly pe wple wpues that can biocritande Thus f bulbe pe fpeken a beare bem on bande for baire to boldely can there no man Swere and ipe as a woman can I fap nat this by woues that ben wpfe But if beiwban they bem invite auple A wyle wyle if that i be can ber good Shall beare him on honde the cowe is mode Ind take wythelle of ber owne mapbe Of her affent but berkeneth bowe Tlapbe Spi olde saynacderis this thene arap Why is mp nepabbouts wpfc to gap She is bonouted where euer ( be goth firtte at home to baue no thrifty cloth 10bat boft thou at my neg gbbours hous Isí be lo faprelatte thou fo amerous lbbat cownell thou with a mapbe benedicite proloe lechour let thy tapes be Ind if that I have a gollpp oz a frembe Withouten aptithou chyoeft as a fende

That walke and play but o his boule Thos contell home as brombe as a moise And pechell on the benche with puell prefe Thou lavelt to me ut is a great mifebele To webbe appoore woman for coftage and if the be trebe of hrat parage Thou lavelt that it is a berr tourmentry To fuffre ber parbe and bet melancolp 3110 if (be betame thou bery kname Thou lapft that every bolour worll ber baue She may no whyle in chaffyte abyoc That is allapted on euery ipde Thou lapatione folke beloze be for eachelle Some for our (bapis form to pour far metle And Come for the can outher funge or baunce And Come to genty inelle of to: balyaunce some for ber bandes and bet armes imale Thus goth all to the opucil by the tale Thou layft men may nat kept a caffell wall Temap fo longe affapled be cuer att Ind if (be be foule thou fapft that i be Coueteth euery man that (be may fe for as a (pangett for well on buntepe Tyll ( he map fonde some man ber to chepe Ae none lo grap gole goth thete in the lake As land thou will be without bet misse 3nd fauft it is an barbe thynge forto molde A thong that no man would be thanks bolde Thus layft thou losell whan thou goth to bed 210 that no wele man neverb for to wer Ae noman that entendeth baco beupet With write thunder opni and free frum Mote the welked necke be to bloke Thou lapft a Deoppping boule tese (mobe And chybinge wruce maken men to de Out of her boules atones a benedicite What extech fuche an olde man for to chade Thou lapft we would will out bices bode Tell we be falt a than we well bem bewe Well mar that be a proverbe of al brewe Thou farft o oren alles bort and boundes They ben allayed of opuers floundes Balong lauours or that men bem bee spones foles and all other purbandire Indio be pottes dothes and arap But folke of wpucs make none allap Tell they be wedded to olde dotarde fbrome Ind than lavit thou well our bices fbe we Thou fapt allo that it ouplateth me But if thou wolte prayle my beaute

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And but their pape all day to my face Ind clepe me tayte bame in enery place Mind but thou make a feelt that the bap ather I was borneland me frellhe and gay And but then be to mp nozpet bensut And to my chamberer within my bous Inb to my fabers felbe and myn alpes Thus lay & thew olde bareli fish of ipes And allo for that our prentyle Jankyn for his creipe beces laping as goide fyn And for be laupreth me bothe up a bowne pet hall thou caught a fals lupectioun I whit pen wer chough b were peed to motop But sell me this why byock thou to folow The beyes of thy cheft away fro me As well it is my good as thyne parte What weneft p to make an polot of our bame Aoweby that lorder that cleped is faint Jame Thou fhair nat both though thou were wood Be may feet of my body and of my good That one thou (halt for go magte then even What nebeth the of me to enquere of prien I trowe thou wolded locke me in the theft Thou Chuidelt (ap good wife go where pe lyft Take pour Dupozte | Dpli leue no tales I knowe you for a treme wyfe bame Bles Desous no man that taketh keps of charge Inhere that we go we well be at our large Dfail maner men blelleb motebe be The wple Aftrologyen ban Brotholome That lapth right thus in bis almegelt Df all men his woloome is the belt That recketh nat who bath o worlde in banbe Br this prouerbe thou Chale budceftanbe Haue thou prough what bace the tecke or care Howe merply that other folkes fare for cettes olde botardes by pour leue pel ball baue quepnte prough at eue for be is to great an upgarde p well werne I man to lygist a candel at his lanterne Def ball baue neuer the latte light paroe Daue thou prough thou date nat plapne the Theu lapft allo, if that we make be gap 10 th clathpag (or with precious atap That it is perpli of our chaftpte And with so we thou wull enforcen the and (ap thele morbest in the apolicis name In habyte made / with challyte and (bame pe women Chull apparagle pou quoo be ind nat in trelled beer and syche perce

As perienine with golde/ne dother tyche After the text me after the cubuche I work not worther as mother as a great Thou layest these I walke out as a cac But who to well lenge the cattes theu Than well the cat breek in bis in And if the cattes farm be lipche and gay the well not owell in bous baths a day But forthe ( be world on any day be dawen Colbeme ber lapu/a go a caterwamen This is to lay if I be gay lie live we woll renne out inp bozell for tof heme oir olde fole what helpeth the to appen for though & play Argus whis buozed epen To be my warde copps as he may belt In fepth be (ball nat kepe me but me left pet coude I make his becde lo mote I the Thou lapelt ekeip there be thinges the The whiche thinges/troublen all the cethe Ind that no weath may endure the ferthe D leue (ir (brewe/ Tefus ( bort the lyfe pet precheft thou and latelt an hatefull wpie Rekened is for one of thele milebaunces Ben there no we none other relemblaunces That map belike pour parables buto But af a lelp topfe be one of tho Thou libeneft ebe a womans loue to bell To barepu lande there water map not owell Thou likenell by the allo to wplot free The moze it beenneth the moze it bath belpze Co confume euery thing / p bzeut wolde be Thou faielt right/ as warmes i benben atte Right lo a wpte | biftropeth her bulbonde This knowen thep that ben to wruce bonde Lozdinges right thus as ve baue biberftabe Bace I dyfly myn olde bulbandes on bande That thus they faiden in their droominelle Ind all was falle but as I toke wrenelle of Jankpn and of mon nece allo O tothe the price of both hem and the wo full geldellerby gobbes wete pyne for as an horse | coude byte and whone f coude planne though I were in the apite D: els I had ofte tpines be (pplte who to cometh first to the mullifiest be arout I playned firth fo were our werres figns They were full glad/for to excuse bem bloue Of thong whiche thep neuer acouted ber loue Of weches wolde I bece bem full loze on have Whan & fogliche bineth might they ftanbe

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pet ty coled I his berte for that be wende that I of him had to great cheerte Timoze that all my walking out by nyabt 10 as for to tope wenches that be brabt Under that colour bad I many ampathe for all cuche theng was grue be in our beathe Difcepts | wepping | & (ppinning god bath peue To women kyndely whyle that thep lyue and thus of o thong I may auaunte me It ende/ ] haue the better in eche begre By Cleggit of force of by Come maner theng Di by contenual murinute o: grutcheng Mainely a bedde had they milchaunce There wolde I chyde 13 Do hem no pletauce I wolde no lenger there a bedde abpde ftthat I felte bis arme ouer my lybe Tell he had made his raunfom buto me Than wolde I (uffre him do his nycete Ind therfore every man this tale I tell wen who to map for all is for to fell with empty handes, men may no hawkes lure for wpanpag wolde all bis lpa enduce Ino make me than a fapned appetyte Ino yet in bacon had I neuer belpte That made me that ever I wolde bem chybe 101 though the pope had (ptten hem belp de I wolde nat (pare bein at ber owne boide to; by my trouthel I quyt bem eucry worde 49 to belpe me god ommypotent Though right nowe (bulde make my tellamet fowe bemnat o worde/that it mys qupt Joaque it lo aboute by my wet That they must peue it bplass for the belt Dicishao we neuer be in rell for though be loked as wride as a lyoun yet i hulbe be faple of his conclutyoun Than wolde Tlap good lete take kepe Dowe mekely loketh Wylkyn out thepe Come neve mp (poule let me ba thy cheke pel bulde be all parient and meke And have a (wete (ppced confcience spth pelo fpeke of Jobes pacience Buttreth al wapifyn pe can fo well preche Ind but pe do certapne we wyil you teche It is fapze a man to haue his wyfe in pecs Due of be two must bowe boutles Ind ipthe a man is euer more refonable Than a woman 18/pe must be sufferable What epleth pouto grutche and grone is to; pe wolde baue my quepht alone

Why tat ... to have it enery bele

Deter threwe pour but pe love it wels

for if a wolde lell my bele chose

Jeo . de walke as freshe as a rose

Bu a wyll kepe it for your owne to the
pe be to blame by god I say pous othe

Suche maner wordes had we on hande

Aowe wyll I speke of my fourth busbande.

p fourthe bulbande was a renelous This is to lay be had a paramour and I was ponge and full of ragery stobozne a fironge and pliant as a pre Dowe coube Joaunce buto an berpelmale Ind frige pwps as any npghtpngale Whan I had bronke a braught of Iwete wone Adetulling the foule choile the Copne That with a staffe betafte his wyfe bet Total for the branke wone & I had be bis wore De Chulde nat haue dauted me fro Dambe Ind after wone on Lenus must I thouse for all fo freet as colde engendret barle A licolous mouth mult baue a lecolous tay is In women bynolene s no Defrace That knowen lechours by experience 25 ut loide crpft whan it remembreth me Upon mp pouthe and on mp tolpte It tybeleth me aboute my bette tote Tinto this day it bothe mp herte bote That I have had nip worlde as in my tyme But age alas that all wyll er achyme Dath me becafte my beaute 4 my porth Let go farewell the dyuell go therwith The doute is go there nys nomoze to tell The bran as I beft map nowe must Tiell Aowe to be right mery well I fonde Aowe well I tell of my fourth bulbonde.

Sap he had in herte a great dispyte

That I in any other had delyte
But he was quyt by god a by sanit tole
I made him of the saine wode a troce
Pat of my body in no foule manets.
But certaphly I made folke suche there
That in his owne grece I made him frye
for anger and for dery telouspe
By god in erthe I was his purgatory
for whiche I hope his soule be in glory
for god it wote he sate full ofte and songe
whan that his sho full bytterly him wronge

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There was no wight/faue god a he that work
In many wyle/howe lose I him twyft
He dyed whan I come fro Jerusalem
Ind speth ygraue/ buder the rode bein
Is has tombe nat so curius
Is was the sepulcre of him Darrius
whiche that Ippelles wrought so subtelly
It is but waste/to burse him precious speth Let him farewell/ god yeue his soule good rest
He is nowe in his graue/a layde in his chest

Dwe of mp fyfthe bulbande wyll 3 tell Bod let bis (oule neuer come in bell And pet was be to me the mofte thre we That file I on my tybbes all by rewe Ind ener (ball bnto myn endynge bay But in our bed be was full frell be and gap Ind therwithall be coude lo well me glole Whan that he wolde have my bele choic That though he had bete me on euerp bone De coude wrine my loue agayne anone Trowe Tloued bim belt for that be Thas of his loue fo baungerous buto me We women have if p I chall not lpe In this mater a quepnt fantelpe Wayte what thying we may nat lightly baue Therafter wyll we crye all day and craue Forbyd bs thying and that delyzen we Dreele on be fafte and than wyll we de with baunger beter we all our chaffare Great piece at market maketh bere ware Ind to great chepe is holden at lytell paice This knower beuery woman that is wyle

p fyfthe hulbade god bis loule blelle Whiche I toke for loue a no richelle De Comtyme was a clerke of Orenforde Ind had lefte fcole a went at home to bozbe with my golfpp the owelling in our toun God haue ber foule ber name was Aldoun be knewe my berte and eke my prupte Better than our parithe preeft fo mot I the To her bewrepd Imp counfell all for had myn bulbande pylled agapne a wall Di do a thong of be (bulde have colt his lyfe To ber and allo to another worthy wyfe Ind to my nece/whiche that I loued wele wolde baue tolde/ bis counfell euerpoele Andlo Jopol full ofte gob it wote That made his face full ofte reed and bote

for bery Chamela blamed himcelfe that be had tolde tome lo great a pupte Ind fo befplithat ones malente so ofte tyme I to my gollyp wente for cutt 3 louco to be gap alway and for to walke in Marche Aprill & 29 ap fro boule to boule to bere tonday tales That Idukyn clerke a my collyp dame Ales and I mp felfe in to the feldes wente My hul bande was at London fall that lente That the better lepfer for to pley And for to le and the for to be lep Of lulty folke/ what wafte I where my grace was Chapen for to be for in what place Thertoze I mademp bylitacions To brailes and to procellions To prechpinge che and to prigrymages To playes of myzacles and to mariages and weated upon my gay learlet gytes Thele wormes me thele mothes me thele mites Elponiny parell frayde bem nener a dele And wotelt thou why for they were bled wele Aowe well I tell forth what happed me T fay that in the feldes walked we Tyll trewly that we had suche daliaunce This clerke and I that of my purueyaunce I spake to hym and sapo howe that be It I were wybowe shulbe webbe me for certaine I lap you for no bobance per was I neuer without puruepaunce Di mariage ne of other thynges eke holde a mous herte nat worth a leke That bath but one hole for to fterre to and if that fayle thanks all poo I bate him on hande be had enchaunted me say dame taught me forfothe that fotplie Ino cke I fayo I mette of hym all nyght De wolde a flapue me las I lap bpught And all my bed was full of very blood But pet I hope trulp pe [ bull do me good for blode betokeneth golde as I was taught And al was fals / Dremed of him right naugt 23 ut as I folowed ave my dames loze As well of that as of other thenges moze Ind nowe (prilet me le what (bulde ] lapne Aha by god Thaue my taie agapne Whan that mp fourth bulbande was on bere I wepte algate and made a forp chere As wyues moten for it is the blage and with my berchefe I clered my bylage

# The wpfeof Bathespie'

But for that I was purueped of a make I wepte tull iptell I bace bubertake To chyiche was my bul bade boine on mozow with our nepabbours / p for him made lozow Ino Janken our clerke was one of tho Is helpe me god/whan that I lawe him go After the bere me thought be bad a payre Dilegges and fete lo clene and lo fapre That all my becte | } yafe buto his holde he was I trowel twenty wynter oloe But I was fourty if I Chall Cap the Cothe But pet I had al way a coltes tothe Sappe tothed I was but o became me wele A had the print of faint Menus fele As beloe me god I was a full lufty on And fepte riche t ponge and well begon And tremiplas mp hulvande tolde me had the best quepate that might be for cerces I am all fully benetian in felona anomy bette is Marcian Clenus me pafe mp luft & lpkerouinelle And Mars pafe me my flutop hardynelle April afcendant was Caure/a Mars therin Mias alasithat euer loue was fpine stolowed avel myn inclynacion By vertue of mp confipliacion That made me that I coude nat withdrawe sidy chamble of Menus fro a good felawe yet have I Dariis marke bpon my face And allo in another prup place for god to wplely be my lauacion floued neuer by no diffellion But euer folowed myn appetpte All were he longe (hort blacke or whyte Loke no kepelio that he lyked me bowe poore be was ne eke of what begre What [ hulde I fay/but at the mouthes ende ' This toly clerke Jankyn/that was to hende Dath wedded me with great folempapte and to bim pafe Tall lande and fe That euer was peue me there befoge But afterwarde/me repented it full foic b) e notoe luffre notheng of my lytt By god he (mote me ones on the lyft On the chekel for I rent out of his boke a leafe That of the ftrobe myn eare wert all Deafe Stobome I was as is a lyonelle A 10 of mp tongela becy langeleelle And water & wolveras & bone had beforne to house to house all though he had it swozne

for tot e ofte tyme wolde preche Inom of olde comapne teftes teche How be Spmplicus Gallus lefte bis worte Ant per follobe for terme of all bis lpte A tout fozones open bee Ded be ber lap Laying out of his bose bpon a bap Inother comapne tolde be me by name But for bis wyte was at a lomers game Without his wetpng be foxloke ber eke Ino than wolde bei bpon bis bpble leke That ilke prouerbe of &cclefialt Where he comaunders and by boeth fall Men Chall nat lufte ber wpues to tople about Than wolde be lap thus Withouten bout 10 10 to by lock his house all offaio wes Ind pubeth his blynde boile ouer the falo mes Ind luftreth bis wpfe to icke halo wes . Is worthy to be hanged on the galo mes But all for nought fret nat anyawe Of all his prouctues ne of all his olde la the Be f woloenat of him coirected be 4 bace bem that tellen my vices bruo me Ano fo do mo god work of be than This made him wode, with me all viterly f wolde nat tozbeate num in no caas Dowe well Itap poulothe by lant Thomas Was that I rente out othis bobe a leafe for whiche belmote me to that I was beate the had a boke of gladly bothe night a day To: his duporte ne wolde rede al war Declepeon Malery and Theopheatt At whicheboke belough all was full fact And ekethere was a clerke fomtyme in Rome 3 cardynall that hpaht fagnt ferome That made abobe agapne Toapnyan In whiche boke there was ese Contulan Culippus Tortala and Delowis Tuat was abbelle nat fer fro Paris Ind che the parables of well Salomon Qupdes arce and che bokes many on 3 10 all thefe were bounden in one bolume Ind enery day amont was bes cultume Whan he had lepfer and any vacacion f to all other worldly occupacion To reden on this boke, of wicked whues We knowe of hem mo legendes and lynes Than be of good wrues in the byble fortrufteth well it is an impolipble That any clerke woldelpeke good of wruch But if it be of holy farntes lynes

### The wpfe of Bathes tale.

Be of none other women/peuer the me Who paymeth the lyoun tell me who 289 god if women had watten frozies As clerbes bene wethin her Diatones The wold have want of me more wickednelle Than all the macke of Boam may redicife The cholosen of Mercurp and Menus Ben mier workpinge full contractous Deccurp loueth topledoni and ference Ind Tlenus loueth / tpot and Difpence And fo; her dpuets dupofperon Eche fapleth in others craitacion 3s thus god bote Secreury is opffolate In Poplees where Menus is eraltate Ind Benus fapleth there Beccurp is repled Therfore women of no clerke is prepied The derke whan he is olde a map naught bo Of Tenus workes hat worth his olde ( ho Thá lytteth be downe a writeth in his dotage That women can nat kepe ber mariage But nowe to purpole why I tolde the Chat I was beaten fo: a boke parde Lipon annabt Tankputhat was out frie Rebbe on his boke as he fate by the frie Of Que firft that fo: ber wyckebnelle was all mankende brought to wretchednelle fo: whiche that Jelu croft himfelfe was flapn That bought be with his bette blobe agapn Lobere etprelle of women map petonde That woman was the loffe of all mankende Tho red be me bowe Samplon loft bis beres Slepping his lemma bet bem with her ineres Thorough whiche trefon loft he both his epen Tho redoc he me if that I (hall natipen Of Dercules and of his Dpanpie That caufed bim to let bim felfe a foze Aothrng forgate be the Corowe and the wo That Socrates bad with his wruce two Howe Crantippa caft polle bpon bis beed This fely man face fill as he were deso De wpped his beed nomoze durft be lapne But or the thuber finte there cometh rapne Of Baliphy that was the quene of Crete for Chrewonelle bim thought the tale (wete fpeffpete nomoze it is a gepfly thong-Ofber bozrpble luft and ofber lykyng Of Cletempftra for ber hygh lecherpe That fall ip made ber bulbande to bpe De redde it with full good devocion De tolde me che/for what conclution

Amphiogariat Thebes loft his lyfe Apri bulbando bad a legende of bis topte Erephylemithat for an ouche of golde b)ach princip buto the grekes tolde where that ber bu bande bpb bim ma place for whiche be bab at Thebes a Copp grace Df Lpma tolde be meland of Lucp They bolbe made ber bulbandes for to by That one for love that other was for hate Lyma her bulbante boon an eupn late Eupoploude him/for that the was his fo Lucia ly acrous loved her bul bande lo for he (bulde algates on ber thenke She pafe buto hem fuche a loue brinke That he was deed for it was at mojo we Ind thus algate/bulbandes had lozome Than tolde be me bowe that Laturneus Compleyned bowe that fell man Arems That in his garben/growed luche atre On whiche he land that his wpues the Danged bem felte fo: ber bertes biloptous Dleue brother than lapd this Arrius pete me a plante of that blotted tre Ind in my garben/planted [ hall it be Of latter bate of woues bath be rebbe That fome have flarne ber bulbandes abebbe Ino let ber lechour | Dight bem all the npabe Whyles that the copps/ lap in doze upzight Ind Come have bywe naples in her brapn Whyles of they (lept a thus they bave be Clayn Some have peue bem poplon in ber beinke He (pake moze harme, than herte map thenke Ind therwithall be coude ino proverbes Than in this worlde growe gras or berbes Better is quod beithen habytacion 23 e with a lyon loz a foule dragon tan with a woman blinge for to chybe Better is quod be byab in bis rofe abyde Than with an augry wife bowne in the boule They be lo wycked and lo contrarpoule They haten that her husbandes love ape De lapo a woman caft her Chame awape Whan I be caft of ber Imohe and ferther me A fanze woman but ( be be chaft alfo Is lpke a golde ryng on a lowes note 10ho wolde leue of who wolde suppose The wo that in mpn bette was and ppne Ind whan I lawe that he wolde neuer fyne Co reben on his cureo boke all npobe All fodenig the leaves baue I pipabe

Dut ofhis bokereight as he redde and eke I with mp fp3 fo toke bem ou the cheke That in our free he fell bacwarde aoo wine Ino he up terte/as both a wobe loun Ind with his foll be fmote me on the beed That in the doze | I lap as I were beed Ind whan be lawe bowe figli that I lap He was agalt and wolde have fleode away Tril at lait / Tout of mp (wowne abrapoe Dhaft thou (lapne me lalie thefe Tlapbe Ind formy lande thug balt thou murded me D: I be deed pet well I ones kylle the And nece he came a kneled tappe aboun And lapdi dere fufter fwete Aiploun Is helpe me god! A ( hall the neuer langte That I have boitt is the lette to wete forpeue it me and that I the befeke Ind pet efte fones | I bytte him on the cheke Ino Capo thefeithus moche fambewicke Rowe well Tope I may no lenger frebe But at lafte with moche care and wo the full accorded by our felfunctio De pafe me the batopil in my bande To have the governaunce of house a lande Ind after of his tonge/ t of his bande allo And made hom breme his boke anone the 3nd than whan I had goten bitto me The may ftry and che the louctaynte Ind that he land improwne trewe wpfe Dothe as you left all tipe terme of the lyts kepe mpn bonour and che mpn afface Ind after that dap we had never ochate Goo helpe melo A was to him as kynde Is any wpfeifto Denmarke in to Inde Ind alfo trewe and to was he to me pray to god that (petert in magelte So bleffe his foule foz bis mercy Dere Rowe well I fay my talenfye well here.

De frere lough what he had herd al this Aowe dame of perio have a top a bits This is a longe pleamble of a tale and whan the compnour herde the frere gale to quod plompnour for goddes armes two a frere will entremete him enermo Lo good menia the and ele a trere will fall menery mannes opilite a matera what spekelt thou of pleambulation what amble or trote go pylle of free down

Tho ..... delt our baporte in this matere pe u ice thou lo fit sompnout quob frere A we by my tapther I (ball or that I go Till of a sompnour fuche a tale of two Chat all toike ( hall laugh in this place Rowe els frere The Chiewe thy face Quod this fompnout and I bef bieme me But if I tell tales two or thre Of freces outhat I come to Spttpngbourna That I (ball make the fore for to mourne for well I wote the pacience is done Dur holte crobe peace and that anone Ino lapo let the woman tell ber tale pe facen as folke that bonke ben of ale Do dame tell forth your tale and pis bell all redy fyr quod fber right as you lyft If I have lecence of this wouthy freeze pes baine quod be tell forth and I mpil bere.

prologe/and here folowers her tale.



### The myfe of Bathes tale.

A ofte Dayes of king Actour Of whiche butons (peke great bonour Bu was this lande fulfplied of fapap The elfe quene with ber toly company Daunled full oft: | in many a grene mede This was the olde oppingon as I rede I (pete of many an bundjed petes a go But no we can no man le none elphis mo for nome the great charpte and prapers Dfipmptours and other holp fteres That (creben euery lande and euery freme 36 thicke as motes/in the fonne beme Bleffyng balles chambres bechens & bowges Crtics bejoughes caftels 3 hpgh toutes Thorpes bernes [bepens and Depries This maketh that there be no fepares for there as wonte was to walke an elfe There walkert nowerthe lywitour bim Celfe In budermeles and in mornynges Ind farth bis matens and bis boly thinges. 3s be goth forthe in bis lymptacion Women map nowe go laucip bp and boun Minber euerp bullbe and biber euerp tre There is none other incubus but be and he ne wolde bo bem any Difhonour and to befell that this bynge Artour lad in his boule a luft p bacheler That on a dap came ryding fro the ryuck And happed that alone as he was borne belawe amaphe, walkping bim befome Of whiche mapbel anone magte ber beeb By bery forcel be byrefte her may benbeed for whiche opprellion was luche clamour Ind luche purlute bnto byng Artout Chat bampned was this knight to be beed By courfe of lawer & Chulde haue lot his beed Darauenture fuche was the flature tho But that the quene & other labyes mo Solonge prayben the kyng of grace Tyll be bis lyfe had graunted in that place 3nd pate him to the quene all at bet well Cochefe whether [ be wolde him laue or fppll The quene thanked p byng with all her might Ind after this thus fpake ( be to the knight Whan f be fame ber tyme bpon a bap Thou Banbelt pet quod (be in fuche aray That of thy lpfe | pet halt thou no furete 3 graunt the lefe if thou cant tell me What thinge it is/ that women mode belyjen Bewaterand kepe thy necke from teen

3nd if thou canft nat tell it anone I (ball the peue, pet leane for to gone A twelmonthe a a pay to lethe and lete An answere sufficiaunt in this matere and fuerte well I have of that thou pace The bode for to reloen in this place Wo was this knyabtia foto whill be fyabeth But be map nat do as buil lyketh 3nd at laft be chale bim for to wende and come agapne/tight at the peres ende With fuche antwer/as god wolde bim puruap And taketh bis leave a wenderb forth bis way Deleketh cuery boule and every place Where as he hopeth for to fynde grace To write what thing women loued motte But he coude attyuen m no colte There as he might fynde in this matere Two creatures accordyng in fere mome land women loved vell richelle some land bonout lome laid tolynelle some fait tyche atap/fome lago luft a bed And ofce tymes to be mybowes/4 to be web some lapo that we be in herre moft caled Whan we be tlattred and ppleafed De goth full nygh the lother & wyll nat lpe I man Chail beit wynne be with daterpe And with attendance and with burphelle Ben we plymed both moze and leife And Come Capb, that we love beft to; to be fre and do right as be lpft And that noman repleue be of our byce But lay that we be wyle a nothing nice 1 of tenely there is none of be all tany weight well clawe be on the gall That we nyll apacitoz that be lapth be lothe Billay and be ( ball fynde it that it bothe for be we neuer lo vicious withinne We wolde beholden wyle a clene out offpnne 3nd lome laid great Delyte baue we fo; to beholde stable and esticcre 3nd in one purpole ftedtaftip to owell and nat to be water that men be tell But that tale is not worth a rake fele Barbe we women can nothping bele Wptnetle on Sayoa well pe bece the tale Dutor among other thronges imale sapo appos had buder his longe eres Crowping boon his beed two alles eres The whiche byce be byb/as be belt enight 1 ult fubucily trom every mennes flabs

### The wylcol Bather

That lave his wyfeithere wylle of it no mo De loued ber molterand trutted ber alfo he play be ber that to no maner creature She wolde tell or bis foule Difrauce She (woze him p all the worlde to wonne She noide do that belong ne fpine To make ber bufbabet to baue to foule a name the wolde nat it for her owne ( hame But nathelelel be thought that the oped That (he folonge (hulde a counfell hyde She thought it was lo lose about her berte That nedes Come worde ber muft a fterte Ind fothe ( be durit tell ut to no man Downe to the marpee falle by the ran Tell the came there ber berte was in frie And as a bytoze/ blombeth in the myze She laybe ber mouth buto to p water bowne Bewier me nat thou water with the lowne Quod [ he to the I tell it and to no mo Abra bulbande bach longe alles cares two Rowe is myn bette all bole nowe it is oute I might no lenger kepe it out of boute Dere mowe pele chough we a tome aby de pet out it must we can no countagle hybe The remenaunt of the tale ufpe well bete Rebeth Duyde and there pe may utere This knight of whome my tale is ipecially whan that he lawe he might nat come therby This is to lay what women loued molt Within his breft Coloroufull was his goft But home he goth he myght nat locourne The day was coe phoniwarde must be courne Ind in his way as happed lyin to tyde In all his care bnock a fogelt tybe Where as be (awe boon a caunce go Oflables four & twenty and yet mo Towarde whiche daunce he drewe full perne Inhope that be (bulde come weldome lerne But certapnly 102 that he came fully there Many Thed was this daunce the ny fe where-Ro creature fame be that bare lyte Daue on the grene he lawe ptting a wple I fouler wpatt/there might no man beuple Agapne this knyght this sloe wyfe gan tple Bio Capo fy knight beceiosth lyeth no way But tell me what ye leke by your fay Parauenture it may the better be Thefe olde folke can moche thynge quod fbe By leve moder quod this knyght certagne I nam but Deed but if that I can layne

10har pogett is that women molt befpre Cou e pe me wpffb/ wold quite wel po' hitz Di the me the trouth bece in my hande of the The negre thong that I require the you [ balt it bo if it lye in the myabt 3nd & well tell it you og it be neght Daue bere mp trouthe or the anight I graute Chan quod i bei Joace well make auaunte Thy lyte is late for I well ftanbe therby Upon mp ipfeithe quene well (ap as 1 Let le whiche is the proudest of bem all That weareth on outher quetchete or call That Dare fay nap of that I will the teche Let be go forthe without more fprete Tho rowned (he applied in his care Ind bab bein be glad and have no feare Whan they be comen to the courte this knowle Sapo he kept his day as he had begit Ind redp was his answere as bela. o full many a noble wyle and many a mande 3 10 many a wyboure for that they be write The quene ber felre iprtyng as unity e Miembled ben this antwerfor to bere And aftermarde this bright was boden tap. Co cuerp wpaint was comaunded telence Ino that the Buight Chuloe tell in audience What thing that wonlot women loue best Tyle Burgot fode nat fiell as Dothe a beet But to his question anone and werde With manly boyce that all the course is berde Dy liege lady than generall quod be Women delpien to haue foueraphte Is well of her bulbandes as of ber loue 3no to: to ben in mapftrp aboue This is your moft delyze though reme sell Dothe as you loft Tambere at your well In all the courte ne was there worfe ne mande Ac wydowe that contracyed that belapoe But land he was worthy to have bis lete 3nd with p worde by flette this olde wyfe lubiche pebe bnight fonde fitteng on bacene Mercy quodibe imploueraynlady quene ere that pour courte departe as do me regit a caught this answere buto this knyabt fo: whiche be plught me bis trouthe there The frift thonge I woloe him require De wolden bo ifillar in bis migbe Byfore this courte than I pray the fer bright Quoo fbe that thou me take buto thy wpie for well thou wotelt p I have lauco the lote

# The myle of Bathes tale.

If I (were fals: (were nap boon the fas The bright and werbe alas and well away I wote right well /p luche was my behelt for goodes loue/chele a newe requeft Take all my good and let my body go Aap than quoo ( be ] (here be bothe two for though that I be foule olde and poore I well not for all the metall and the ope That bnber the grounde lyeth outber aboue But if I the wefe were and the the loue De loue quod beinay but my bampnacion Alas that ever any of my nacion Do foule Chuide euer Defperageb be But all for nought/the ende is thus p be Confrepned was nedes muft be ber webbe And take his olde wyfe, and go to bedde A owe wolde fome men fayne parauenture for my negligence Joono cute To tell pour the top and all the arap That at freft was that ilke bap To whiche thing (bottly | Tantwer (ball Tay there was no feelt ne tope at all There has but heupnes and moche forowe for princip be wedded ber by the morowe 3nd all bap after/bpbbe bim as an oble So wo was him bis wpfe loked fo foule Great was the wo p the knight had in thought 10 han be was with his wyfe a beode phrought He wale weth and he turneth to and fro 1) is olde wyfe lay fymyleng euermo And lapb o bere bulbande benebicite fareth euery knight thus with bis wpfc as pe Is this the lawe of sping Actours boule Is every knight of his love lo baugerous am your owne loue and ete pour wpfe I am (be/ whiche that laued hath your lyfe Ind certes pet & byb you neuer bnright Why face pe thus with me the field npate pe face lybe a man bad lofte bis wpt 10 hat is my gylte for goddes loue tell me it Ind it Chall be amended if that I map Amended quod this knight alas nar nap It well nat be amenbeb neuer the mo Thou arte lo lothly and lo olde allo Ind therto comen of lo lowe a kpnde That little woder is though I walow a winde So wolde god or bei myn bette wolde biel Is this auod (be the cause of your brieft pe certapne quod he/no wonder it is Bowelu quod (be/ ] coude amende all this

If that me lpa log it be bapes the So well pe might beare pou buto me But for pe lpeken of luche gentpinelle Is is dicended out of olde tychelle That therfore pe (bull be gentylmen Suche arrogaunce is nat worthe an ben Loke who is most bertuous always Drup & Appertiand mod entendeth ape To bo the gentpileft bebes that be can Take him to; the greatelt gentplman Cryft well we clapine of him out gentplneffe Aat of our cibers/foz ber olde tpchelle for though they peue be all her herptage fo; whiche we clapmen to be of hygh parage pet map they nat bequeth for nothpinge To none of be ber bertuous lyuinge That made bem gentplmen called to be And bad be folowe bem in luche begre Well can the wple poet of flozence That hyght Daunte leeke of this lentence Lo in luche maner come is Dauntes tale full feloe by rifeth by his braunches smale Phowelle of manifox god of his goodnelle we clayme out gentpinelle for of our elders may we nothing dapme But temporall thong of may butte a mayme Che euerp wpght wote this as well as 1 If gentylnelle were planted naturally Linto a certapne ipnage/botone the ipne Drup and pertethan well they never fone To bo of gentylnelle, the fayte offpce They might bo no bylony or byce Take frie a beare it in to the Derkell hous Bytwirthis 4the mount of Cancalus Ind let men f hpt the dozes and go thenne net well the free as farze lee and beenne Is twenty thoulande men might it beholde 1) is office naturally/ape well be bolde Tip perell of mp lpfe/tpll that it ope Dete map pe le bowe that gentre Is nat annered to pollellioun buche folke ne Dothe ber operacioun Alway as dothe the fyzello in his kende for god it wote men may full ofte fynde A loader Connelou (bame and bylong And he p well bous price of his gentere for he was borne of a gentle bous And had his elders noble and bertugus And upil bem leite bo no gentie bebes Ac folowen his gentle auncetours p beeb is

## The wyfe of Bathes ta"

me is nat genther be be bube be be erle fre biltapus (pufuli bedes maken a cherie fo: gentplaefleinps but the senome Of then sumcettes/for her begh bounte whiche is a Graunge thing to the parlone Thy gentpinelle cometh to god alone Than cometh our bery gentylnelle of grace Te was nothing bequedyn by with our place Thynketh howe noble as laythe Talerius mas that comarne Tulius Holtilius That out of pourt role to bygh nobleffe Rebeth menek and redeth eke Bocce There Chull pe le expresse that no drede is That he is gentle that bothe gentle bedis Ino therfore leve bulbande thus I conclude Were it that myn auncetres were rube pet may the tre god and lo hope T Craunt me grace to lyue bertuouily Than am I gentle whan I begynne To lour bertuouf ly and do away frine Ino there as ye of powerte nic coppene That they god on whome help we beleue In wylfull pouerte chele to lebe his lyte And certes eucey manimapocito; wrfc Map billectande that Jefus heuen king Ac wolde nat chefe a becrous lyuyng Glad poucet is a full hone thyng certayne This woll Serick | & other derkes fapne who to that holdeth hun payde of his pourt Tholde him ryche and he had nat albert De that coueteth be is a full poore wight for he wolde haue pis nat in his might But he that nought hath necoueteth to have Is tyche all though pe holde him but a knaue Alery pouette is fynne properly Junenall (peketh theroffull meryly The poore mani whan he goth by the way Byfoze the theues he map fynge and plap Pouert is batefull good and as I gelle A full areat bringer out of buly neile A great amender ete of lapience Co bim that taketh it in pacience Douerte is this/all though it lenie elenge Policition p noman wolde gladly chalenge Poucrte full ofte whan a man is lo've Bakethhis god and the himfelfe to knowe Poucrte a (pectable is as thenbeth ure Thorowe whiche he map his bery frendes le And therfore fir fythe therm pe be greued of mp pouert/ let me nomoze be repzeued

as of cide pe reparue me Aowelit Ind cer sipzithough none aucroute Were i che boke | ye gentylles of bonous Sapi ethat men fulor an olde wight fauout and leped fader for their gentylneile And auctours (ball I fonde as I gelle Aowethere (as pe lap) I am foule and olde Than brede pe nat to be made cokolde for folthe elderand foule (o mote 7 the Ben great wardepns boon chaftpte But nathelelle lpth I knowe pour belpte Ti hall fulfyll pour wordly apperpte Chele now quod the one of thele thinges tibey To have me olde and foule tell that I bep Und be to you a trewe humble wofe And never you displease in all my lyfe Diels pe Chall haue me ponge and forze Ind take pour aventure of the repepte That to your boule shall be bycause of me D: in come other place may well be Aowe chole whether that pelpketh This knight aupleth bem and in keth But at the lat be land in this manere Day lady my loue and my work lo dese Tout me tutto in pour wple gouernaunce Chele it pourfelfe which may be mo;e pleface and most honour to poul and to me alfo Too no force the whether of the rive But as you leketh it luft pleth to me Than I have gote of rou t master quod fbe spn I map chele a gouerne pou as me left pe certes wefe quod be I bolde it for the beft to ple me quod (be we be no lenger wioche for by my trouthe I well to pou be bothe That is to fay bothe fayte a ese good pray to god that I muft fterue wood But I to pou be allo good and treme As euer was wyfe fin y wealor was newe And but I be to mojo we as fay ze to lene As any lady emprelle or queue That is between the Elf and the well Dothe with my lyfe and dethe as you lyft And to they depte tell it was mojo we grap Ind than Che fard whan it was day Caft bp the curtagne lose bowe it is And whan the knight fame berily all this Quat the lo fayte was and lo ronge therto for top be bent her in his armes two Dis herre was bathed in a bathe of bloffe I thousande tymes arowe be gan ber kylle

## The freecs prologe.

That myght be hom plelannes of lyking and thus they lous been bet loues ende In parties top in Ialu copa be lende in parties top in Ialu copa be lende in parties to ener loue henrithat we werde into she I pray Jelus thort her loues and she I pray Jelus thort her loues That will not be governed by her topues and olor and angry upgardes of dapence God lende hemiones a beep petitience.

take and here begrinneth the freres prologe.

Dis noble lemptout/this worthe free Be made alway a maner lourping chere Thom the formout/but for honeste. Do belayed worde/as pet to him spake he But at last he sape but the west good peue you regist good pe haus here touched/all so mote I the (less In scole mates/a sull great dissecutive pe haus sayed moche theng right well I say. But doine/here as pe troen by the way his nepeth nat to speke but of game. And let auctorites on goodes name. To prechyng/and to scole of clergys.

Twell pou of a Comprous tell a game Darbe pe mows well kno wen by the name That of a composur may no good be caybe I pray that none of you be quell apaybe 3 (ompneut is a remier bp and bowne with maundementes/for fornpeacioun Ind is phete at every townes ende Our hofte than (pakera fpz pe Chuide be bende Ind curtops as a man of pour altate In company we well baue no Debace a cileth pour tate and let the Compnetion Aap or the Compnout let bim (ap by me What to hom lott whan it cometh to my lete By god I Chall him gupte every grote I hall bun tell whiche a great benout It is to be a flatering lymytous And of many another maner cryme Whiche nebeth nat to reberce ar this tyme Ind his offece I ( hall him tell props Dur bolte answerbe/peace nomoze of this Ind after this be land botto the frete Tell forth pour tale/mpn owne maiter bers.

and here after foloweth his tale.



#### The frents tale.

Belo thece was divelling in my coacce 10 In Acchenetanta man of pugt begre That bothly by b well execucion In puny Chenge of fernpeacion Of wychectafteland eke of baubzpe Of optimiseion and audustepe Of chysche reass and of teltamentes .. Of contracte/and of lake of Cacrementes Of blurpe and the of lymoupe allo But certes lechours bpb be greates too Thep I bulbe fpngenist that they were bent And imale tythers alfor were foule f bent Tranp perfone wolde bpon bem plapne There inight aftere no pecunyall paper fo: (male spenes/ano (male offerpage the made the people full perout ly to fringe for or the bullyop caught bein with his noke They were in the archebesenes boke Ino than bad be through his turifdiction Dower of hem to bo full correction be had a Compnour redy to his hande A flyaber bop was none un Englande for foculty he had his clopanic That taught him where be myght auarle b) c coube space of lechours one or two To teche him to fource and twenty mo for though & Compriout wode were as an hare To tell bes barlotrpe I well nat (pare for we be out of his correction They have of be no well diction Acnaier (hall terme of all her lyues Peter lo be women of the Apues Quod the Compnour put out of our cutt Deace with michaunce & with mplauenture Sayo our hoodia let bum tell his iale Rowe tell forthe though the Compnour gale Ae (pareth nat/mpn owne mapfter Dete This falle thefe the Compnout quod the frete Dad al way redy/bawdes to his hande As any bauke is to the lute in Englande That tolde him all the fecce that thep knewe forter acquepntaice/was nat comen of newe They were all his approvers princip De toke hundelfe a great profpte therby b) is mapfter knewe nat alway what he wan Withouten ingumbenientes la lewbe man De coube Conigne on paper of criftes curs And they were glad to to fellen his purs And make hun great freites at the nale and right as Judas that purles Imale

and war antereight fuche a thefe was be Big me iter bath but balfe bis bute the w sitt I (ball peue him bis laube A the ela sompnout and the a baude Lie ab eke wenches at his cetenu That whether/that [pz ilobert o; [p; b)as D: Jacke or Kafe or abole that it mete That lap by hem they tolde him in his tat Thus were the wenches and be of one allent And he wolde fet a farned maundement And Compute hem to the chappete bothe two And ppli the man/and let the wenche go Than wolde be lap frende I ( ball fo; the fake Do ftrate the out of our letters blake The Date no more as in this cale tranaple I am the frende there I may the anaple Certapne be knewe of bubourg many mo Than pollpble is to tell in peres two for in this worlde mys doctat for the bowe That can an butte bete trom an hole knowe Better tha this Compnour | bnew afty techous D: auouttet o: cis any Daramout And for that was the frute of all his rens Therfore on it be fet all bis entens 3.40 (o befyll that ones boon a bap This Compnour was euer waptping his plan forto Compne an olde wett a troppe faynyng a caule for be wolve baue a brobe Ichappeo/ that he lawe betome him code 3 gay peman bober a foreft (voe A vowe be bare / acowes biight and Bene De had boon him a courtpye of grene In hat bpon his beco with ftrynges blake mr: quod the Compnour harle a well ytake Welcome quod be and every good friame Whyder tydelt & buder this grene wode that Sapo this poman wolt thou ferre to day This fompnour ans werde and land nap Dece falt by quod be is mone entent To tyben fo: to taple up all the rent That longeth nowe to my loides ducte Acce thou than a bapip pe quod be b) c ne buck for belong and thame Say that he was a Compnour for the name Deperdeur quod this peman bere brother Thou arte a baptp and Jam another I am busno wen no we in this countre Df thone acquarntaunce than I pray the And the of bactberbed if that thou lyth I have golde and friver in my cheft

# The freer's tale.

Afthet the happeth to come in our Chype All ( hall bethymeretabt as thou wpite belyze Bramere quot this fomphour by my fapth Cucrych in others banbe/ bis trouthe he lapth For to be (worme bretherne cell they bey In palpaunce thep tybe forthe and-plep This Compnous / tobiche was tull of langiles 38 full of benpm ben thele wery bangles Ind euer enquyting boon cucty thying Biother or beimbere is nowe pour owellyng Another Day if that I Chall pouleche This poman him answerde with lofte speche 28 20 ther guod be fer in the nozih countre Whereas I hope Comtyme I Chall the Ce Ere we beparte If hall the to well wpile That of my boule ne ( balt thou neuer mple Bowe bzorber o this Compnout I pou pay Teche me lubples we tyben by the way mpn that pe be a bapip and lo am Some lubtylte and telleth me fapthfullp anmy offree bowe I may mot wpine Ind (parett) nat/ fo; confcience ne fpnne But Dere brother tell me howe bope Howe by my trouthe Dere brother farbbe 35 Thall tell the a fapthfull tale sty wages be full frapte and full fmale Sty loide is barde to me and baungerous 3nd mpne ottice is full labozous and therfore by ertorcions I tpue To: fothe I take all that men well me yeue Algate by l lepatt o; by bpolence I tom pere to pere I wpnne all mp bupence f can no better tell the tapthfully Aowe certes quod the Compnout lo face ] I (pare nat to take god it wote But if it be to heup of to bote That I map get in countaple princip Ao more conicience of that have Acte mpn ertoglioun Impght nat lpuen Re of luche tapes will I nat be fhiuen Stomake ne conference knowe I none I Chiewe the Chaire fathers everychone Well be we met by god and by laynt Tame 23 ut leue brother/tell me thy name Quod this Compnour in this meane whyle This peman gan a lytell for to imple Biother quou perwolte thou that I the tell am a fende imp brocklynge is in bell and here I spbe/aboute my purchalping To wyter at men wyll peut me any throng

To purchace is the effecte of all my cent Loke howe thou spoet for all the fame entent To wpnne good theu reckelt nemer bowe Kight lo face I for tybe wolde I nows Thur the westers ender for a pray 3 quod the Compneur/benedicite/ bibat pe lap I wendeve had ben a poman trewly pe haue a mannes ( bap/as well as 4 Dane pe than a frauce determpnate in hell/there pe be in your afface Aay certaphip queb beithere baue the none 23 ut when by lyketh/ we can take be one Di els make you wene we be [bape Somtome lobe a mani a Comtome lobe an apt Dilphe an aungellican Tepde of go It is no wonder thyng though it be fo A lowly logolous can offcepue the and parde pet more crafte can I than be Why quod the Compnout tybe pe than of gone In funday ( bap and nat all way in one To we quod be well be in fuche fourme make is molt auapte is our prapes for to take What maketh pou to have all this labous Well many a cause/lene sy somprous sayo this fende but all theng bath tems The day is Chorceland it is palled prime Ino pet ne gate f nothping in this Day well encouse to wenning if I map and nat entends out wettes to beclare 1 0; brother mpne/thp wettes ben all to bate To bnocthande although I tolde bem the But for thou after why labour we for Comtome we be goodes unfrumentes And meanes to bo his comaundementes 10 ban that bem lyit boon his creatures In opuers actes and in opuers frauces Without bim/ we baue no impatt certapne Tribat bem lyll to flanden there agaphe and comtome at our praper have we leve Only the body and nat the foule to greue Wymene of Job whome we byd wo and fointyme have we might on bothe two This is to lay on foule and on body the and Comtyme we be luttred for to leke Upon a man and bo bis foule birtelt and nat his body and all is for the bell Mohan be withfranbeth our temptacion It is a caute of bistaluacion Bil be it/shat it was nat our entent b) c (bulde be late by gobbes sugement

#### The freres tale.

and Comeyme the be fecuaunt buto man As to the archebyllhop laynt Dunftan And to the apostic feruaunt eke was I pet tell me quod the fompnout fepthfully Bake pe your bodyes in luche while alway Of elementes the fende answerde nay Somtome we fapnen & Comtome weatple with deed bodyes in fele londry wyle Ind speke as refonable tayze and well Is the Phytonylle byd to Samuell Ind pet well fome men farne, it was nat be Do noforce of your opumpte But o thing warne I the I will nat cape Thou wolte wete algates howe we be Chape Thoughalt here afterwarde my brother dere Come where the nederly nat of me to lete for thou Chalt by thene owne experience Conne in the chapte rede of this lentence Better than Tipigile whyte he was on lyue D: Daunte allo nowe let bs tyde belyue for I well holoe company with the Tell it be lo that thou forlake me Rap quod the Compriour that Chall nat bet, be am a peman that knowen am full wybe side trouthe well I holde to plas un this caas for though thon were the opuell Sathanas Aff trouthe well I holde to the my brothes As I am (worne and eche of bs tyll other for to be trewe brother in this cafe Ind bothe we gone aboute our purchale Take thou thy parte of that men well the yeue Ind A (ball inpue thus may we bothe lyue And if that any of be have mare than other Let hun be trewe and parte with his brother graunce quoo the oyuell by mp fap Ind with p worder they tyben forth her way Ind right at an entre of a townes ende To whiche y compnour Chope him for to wede Thep lawe a carte that charged was with hep Whiche that a carter ozofe forth in the wep Depe was the way for whiche the carte fode This carter (mote a cryde as he were wode What hept brock bept (cot space pe for y fromes The fende quod he you tetche body and bones As ferforth as ever pe were pfoled Somplic wo as I have for you tholed The dynell have all bothe hors cacce they Quod the Comprious beee Chall we have a plep And nece p tende be drowe as naught ne were sull princh and rowned in his ere

.. other berken by the fauth Detpft you nat howe the catter farth Tak it anone for he bath peue it the Bor je hap a carte and eke his capuls thie A p quod the bpuell god wote neuer a bele frisnat bis entent truft me wele Albe him lelfe if that thou trowest nat me Diels Aprica whyle and thou ( halt fe This carter thacked his boile on & croupe Ino they begonae to brawe 4 to floupe Dapte nowe up be that Telu cepft pou bleffe And all his handy worke, bothe more a leffe That was well prwight impnowned pard boy pray god to faue the and faynt Loy Aoure is my catte out of the llough parde Lo brother quod the fende what tolde & the i)ete map pe le impnomne Dete biothet The choile (pake o thing) t thought another Let be go forthe aboute out brage Were wenne I nothing boon this carpage Whan y they comen form what out of the towns This compnour to his brother gan to to whe 23 jother quod be here woneth an olde rebiese That had almost as lefe to lefe her neche Astor to peue a peny of her good I well have twelf pens though of the be mood D: I wyll fomone per bnto our office Ind yet god wote of her I knowe no bree But to: thou cand nat as in this countre Wynne the coft take here enfample of me Tyis compnour clapped at the wood wes date Come out he land thou olde bern trate I trowe thou half fome preeft or frece mithe who knocketh (and this water benedicite) Sod laue you fp: what is your fwete well I have quod the fomphour of the a boff Upon papie of curlinge loke that thou be Tomotome beforne the Archedekenskine To answere to the courte of certains thing Poweloide quoof be Telucreft beuen beng So wpfely helpe me as I ne map i haue be licke and that full many a day may nat goloferre quod fuenerroe But The deed to pucketh it in my tybe May I nat afte a tybell fit fomphour 310 answere there by my proctour To luche thing as men well apole me yes quod the fompnour pap anone let le Twelue pens to me and I well the quyte I ball no profete baue therby but free

## The Sompnours prologe.

Op mapfice bath the profpte and nat ? Come of and let me tybe baltely peue me twelue pensito; I may no lenger tary Twelve nens qued (beta laby faint sharp so wplely beipe me out of care and fpnne This wroc worlderthough & Chulde it wenne Achaue I natewelue pens within my bolde pe knowe well/that I am poore and olds Apthe pour almes on me poore wretche Aap than quob beithe foule fende me tetche If I the excule though thou fhuldeft be fpplt Mlas quod ( be god wote Jam nat in y gylt Day me quod he lo; by [wete laint Anne I well anone beare away the newe panne for Dette whiche thou owell me of olde Whan p thou mabelt then bulbande cokolde I paybe at home for thy correction Thou lyell quod the by my fauacion Ac was I neuer or nower wy bowe ne wyfe sompneo bito pour court in all my lyfe Acneuer I was but of my boop trewe Zinte the Druell blacke & rough of heme peue I the body and eke my panne alfo 3nd whan the Douell herbe her crufe fo Tipon ber bnees be lapo in this manete Rowe Habpil mpn owne mober bete Tethis pout well in etnell as pelep The opuell quod (be fet him o; be dep Ind panne and all but he well him repent Rap olde for that is nat mone entent Quod the Compnout fo; to repent me fo: any thyng that I haue hab of the wolde I hao thy (mocke + cuery clothe Aowe brother quod the opuell be nat wrothe The body and this panne is men by right Thou f balt with me to hell pet to night Where thou Chalt knowe of our pruyte Doze than a mailter of byuingte And with that worde p foule fende bim bent 23 ody and foule be with the dyuell went Where p the Compnours haue ber herptage Zind god that made after his ymage Mankynde laue and gyde be all and Come Ind lette that Compnouts good men become Lozdinges | Loude tell pou quob the frete sad That leave of this Compnour here After the text of Cryll Boule and John And of our other Doctours many on suche papnes as pour hertes might ageple Il be it Co, that no tonge may beuple

Though of I might a thoulande topnter tell
The papies of that curled houle of hell
But for to kepe be fro that curled place
waketh and prayeth I clu of his grace
So kepe be fro the temptour Sathanas
Herkeneth this worder beware as in this caas
The lyoun spetteth in his awapte alway
To flee the innocent if that he map
Dispose ye your herces aye to withstande
The fender that well make you thrall a bonde
he may not tempte you over your might
for Cryst well be pour champyon a knight
And pray that the sompnour him repent
Othis misselessor that the spuell him hent.

and here begynneth the Sompnours
prologe.

Dis Compnour in his accop high Rode Upon this frere his hert was to wobe Quaciphe an alppn lefe be quoke for pre Lordinges quod be othynge Toefpre I you befeche of your cutteffe Spribe pe have herde this falle frete lpe As futreeth me | I may my tale tell This freeze boffeth that he knoweth bell And god wore that is lytell wonder freres and fendes ben but letell a fundes for parde pe hauenfte tome herde tell Dowe that a frete rauvil bed was to bell Infopute ones by a byfioun Ind as an aungell leobe him bp & boun To frewe him the tourmentes of were there In all the place ne lawe be nat a frere Di other folke he lawe prowe in wo Unto this aungell (pake this frete tho Aowelpz quoo be baue freres luche a grace That none of bem Chall come in this place pes quod the aungell many a myllyoun Ino bito Sathanas be labbe him a boun and nowe bath Sathanas luche a taple Biobar than of a Caribe is the Caple Holoe bp the taple thou fathanas quob be Shewe forth then acle and let the frete le Where is the nell of freres in this place And ere that a furlonge way of space

#### The Sampmours tr

Right lo as bees l'oscime out of an house
Out of the opicie scle/thy gan drive
Twenty thousands freres on a rouse
Ind thoroughout hell/lwarmed all aboute
Ind came agapne/as falte as they may gene
Ind in to his arle they crept in eucrychone
speclypped agapne his taple/a lay fight
This frere/whan he loked had his foll
ripon the turmentes of this losy place
spis (pyrite/god reflored of his grace
ainto his body agapne/and he awoke
But natheles/for feare pet he quoke

So war we opuels artel ape in his inpites. Than this beeptage of beep kyrice. Good ine you all laut this curled frere Shy prologe well I ende in this manere.

There endeth the Sompnours prologe/4 here foloweth his tale.





Dibings ther is in poskshire as I geffe a mert h coutre/p called is holdernesse. In whiche there went a symptour aboute To preche a che to begge/it is no boute. And so befyll/that on a day this frere had preched in a churche/in his manere. Ind specially/abouen enery thying. Creyted be the prople/in his prechying. To trentales/and to peue for goddes sake. Whereach men myght/holp houses make. There as being lexipee is honoured. And there it is basted and benoured. As there it nebeth nat/to be yeuen. Is to possession to peue and abundance.

Trentals lapd be bely ueren from penaunce
Her frendes loules as well olde as yonge
per whan they be so hastely plonge
Hat fo; to holde a piest roly and gay
Delyngeth nat but o masse on a day
Delynereth out anone quod be the loules
Juli harde it is with selfh boke and oules
To ben I clawed o; to bienne o; bake
Aome spede you hastely fo; Crystes lake
Ind whan this frere had laid all his entent
with qui cum patter foith his way be went
whá folke in p chyiche had youe what hem lest
be went his way no lengar wolde he rest
with strppe and typped staffe prucked hye
Ju every house/he gan to pose and pive

# The Sompnours tale.

And league male or chele ar els corne Dis felowe had a traffer perpose with home And a poputell poolpilled fetoul ly Ind wrote the names alway! as he flobe of all the folke that part bim any good Manuce ithathe wolde for hem prep peue vs a buffell whete malte o; tep I gobbes kpchellio; a crpp of chele Diels what poulpt I may nat chefe A gobbes balfepeny los a malle peny Dipeue bsof pour brauntif pe haue any A Dagon of pout blanket left Dame Dur lufter Dere lo bete I watte pour name Bacon or beferer fuche theng as pe fende A flurdy berlot went bim ape bebpnbe That was bet ofte and cutt be bate a lacke Ind what men pate bymi lapde it on his backe And when be was out at bote anone De planed away the names every chone That be before bab writte in his tables Deferued bem with notice and with fables Bap there thou lyell Sompnour of the frere Deace quod our boff for cryftes mother Dete Tell forthe the tale and fpare it nat at all sy thane I quod the Compnout lo I fhail longe be went from boule to house tril be Came to an boule there be was wont to be Refreshed moze than in an bundzed placis Sicke lay the good man whole the place is Bedied bpon a couche lowe he lay Deus hic quod he D Thomas good Dap Sayo this frete cutterly and lofte Thomas quod be god pelde it pou full ofte Thaue on this benche pface full wele Dece baue Teaten many a mery mele Ind fro the benche be drofe away the catte And lapde adowne his potent and his hatte Ind the his facippe a let hym fotte a bowne Dis felowe was go walked in to the towne forthe with his knaue in to that botterpe Where as he Chope bym that nyght to lye D dere mapter (apo he this licke man Dowe haue pe faren (pn Darche began I lawe you matithis fourtenpoht ne moze Sob wote quob be laboured baue I full loge Ind (pecpally fo; thy faluacion Dave Tlayb many a preciouse orison Ind for our other frendes god bem blelle I have this day be at your chysche at melle

3nd lard a fecinon/to my lewor wpe Ast after the playing terre of holy ways for it is harde to you as I suppole and the glole Giolong is a full gloziouse thying certaphe fo; letter [ leeth as we clerkes layne There have I taught hem to be charitable Ind (pende her good there it is reionable and there I lawe our Dame where is the ponder in the perdel I trome that the be sayo this man and the well come anon Cpe mapfter welcome be pe bp fapnt John sapothis wyfe howe fare ye bertely This frere aryleth by full courtopl ly and ber enbrafeth in his armes nato we And Lyffeth her fwete a chysketh as a sparowe With his lyppes: Dame quod be right wele As he that is your ferusunt every bele Thanked be god p pate you foule and lyte petlame I name bap lo fapre a wyfe In all the churche lo god laue me pe god amende the fautes (pr quod f ve Algates toelcome pe be/by mp fap Graniercy dame that have I founde al way I wolde pray you that pe you nat greue But of your great goodnede by your leve well with Thomas speke a letell throwe Thele Curatours ben full necligent & lowe To gropen tenderly a mannes concience In theifte am preching is my byligence And fludy on Peters wordes and Poules Walke a fyllhe cryften mennes foules To pelde Jelu cryft his proper tent Cospede his wildes is all myn entent Aowe by your leave dere fyz quod fbe Chydeth him wellifog faynt charpte De is ape angre las is a pellemple Though that he have all that he can delpze Though I bpm wape and make him waring Ind ouer hymitag my legge a myne arme De groneth iphe our boze leth in out fly Dther disporte of bem right none baue 3 I map nat pleafe hpm in no maner caas O Chomasite bous op Chomas Chomas This maketh the fende this must be amended Are is a thynge that high god offenbed and therof well I (peke a worde or two Howe mapfter quod the topte or that I go What well pe byne | well go there aboute Howe bame quod beite bous by fauns botte

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pane I nought of a capon but the louer Ind of pour whote breed but a Chouer and after that/a cofted pygges heed But Ine wolde forme p no beeft were beed Than had I with you holy fully faunce Jain a man of lytell fultenaunce Ap (ppette bath bis fofterpng in the boble Dy body is apello redy and to penyble To wake that my body is full diftcoved I prap pou Dame that pe be nat annoped Though I you my countable to trendly theme Bp goo I wolde have tolde it but a ferve Indipi quod Che but o wojde o: I go Be chylor is deed within this woses two Some after that ye went out of this town Dis Dethe lawe J by reuclacioun sapo this frere at home in our doztour Toare well fap p within halfe an hour After his dethe flawe hun boze to blps Inmy befroun to goo my foute wes So Dyd out ferten and out fermerere That have be trewe freres this fyfty pere They may nowe god be thanked of his lone Maken ber tubyle and walken all alone and by Trole and all our couent ebe. with many a tere trylling on our cheke Withouten nople, and clatering of belies Te beum was our fonge and nothing els some after to Cryft | bad an holy oxioun Thankpinge him of my good reuelacioun for fir and dame trudeth me reght well Dur obloung ben mode effectuell Ind more we le of Crylles lectet thynaes Than bozell people all be they konges We love in poucte and in ablynence And bosell folke in tyches and Dupence Of meate and dunke and in foule delyte We have the worldes luft all in Dupple Lasar and Diucs lyueden full dyuerfly And dyners querdone had they therby Who so well praye must faste and be clene Ind fatte his foule and make his body lene We fare as layth the apolic clothe and tobe Suffyleth beithough they be not full good The clennelle and the fallying of be freces Maketh that Crpft excepteth out playetes Lo Moples fourty Dayes and. rl. nyght falteo o; that god full of his my abt Spake with bun in the mount Spnap With empty wombe falling many a day

There er .. o be the lawe that was witten With a synger and Delp well pe wetten In the wount Deeblog he had any speche mith sigh god that is our lyues leche the after longe and was in contemplaunce a conthat bad the temple in governance 3.10 che the other precites euerychone In to the tempte whan thep [ hulbe gone To prayen for the people and do feruple They nolde brinke in no maner wife Po brinke that might bem bronke make But there in abstractice to play and wake Left that they depoen take bede what I lay But they be Cober that to: the people play ivare that I lap for it ynowe fuffpleth Dur loide felu as boly witt beupleth yafe bs enfaumple of fallynge a playeres Therfore we medycantes we fely freres Ben wedded to poucete 4 to contynence To charree bumblenelle and ablinnence To perfecucion for every right wylnelle To wepping implericoide and to clennelle 3nd therfore mowe vele that our prapers I speke of be mendyuaunt we freres Be to the high god more acceptable Chan pours with pour fectes at rour table fro paradyle first if I (ball nat let Was man out chased to: bis gloroay? 3nd chaft was man in parady (e certa) ne Butherken now Thomas what I thall tapac I have no terte of it as Tluppole But I finde a maner thonge of a glole That specially out sweet to: De feius spake this by fretes whan he land thus Bleifed be they that poore intoprice bene Ind to forthe all the golpell mowe retene Whether it belpher to our profession O: beyies that i writimen in pollettion fre on ber pompe and ber gloconge 3nd of her lew duelle I bem derpe Me thenketh they be lyke to Jomman fat as a whale and walke lyke a fwan Ill bynolent as a botell in the fpence Det player is of full lytell reuerence Whan they for foules lay & plaine of Dauid Lo butte they lay: Co: meum eructautt who foloweth crystes golpell and his lose But we that humble be chaft and poze Workers of goddes wordes a nat auditours Therfore right as an banke bpon his tours

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ilumgeth its to the appel tight to prayerss sharp tables and chall but pieces Apaken bem lewis to gobbes cees the Thomas Thomas No mote Trybe of go Ind by that letbery cleped was facmt Jue Acthon our brother were (bulben & nat thine for in our chappeter pray we bay a nygot To Cresito fende the bothe betch a mpght The book for to welcen full haftely God wore quod be mothing therot fele 3 As belpe me god as m ferme peres B) auc & [pended on many dyuess freres full many a pounde/yet face I nener the bet Certapne my good have Italmoft belet farwell my golderfor it is all ago The frete an werd D Thomas boeff thou fo 10 hat neverb the opvers freres for to lethe 10 hat nebeth hpm that bath a perfete leche To Cochen other lectes in the towne pour inconfraunce is your confulpoun Dolde pe than me and che all our couent To play for you be nat luffycient Chomas that tape is not worth a myte pour malsop 15/for we have to lyte I peue that coment fout & twenty grotes Ind your that cournt haffe a quarter otes And your that freee a penyland let him go Pap nap Thomas ut map notheng be fo what is a terthing worth parted on twelve Lo cebe thying that is oned in him felue Is more fronge than whan it is fcatered Thomas of me thou Chair nat be flatered Thou wolded have our labour all for nought The high god of all this worlde hath wrought Sayth p the workman is worthy his type Thomas of pour trelo' nought well I befree 3s for mp lette but that all our couent To prapfor pourbe apelo oplygent 3nd for to bolde by Cupites owne chyrche Thomas tfpe well leene for to weiche Of byloinge boon shyrches mowe pe fynde If it be good in Thomas lpfe of Inde pelpen beceffull of anger and of pre With whiche the opuetilet pour beste on free This cheben here this holy unnotent pour wyferthat is here lo mike & lo pacient And therioge Chomas/toothe me ifthou tpl At arpue norwith the wefer as for the belt Ind bese their words away no we by thy farth Couchying lache thring: lo what & write larth

within the bouleine be thou no learn To the lubicites be then none oppreficun Ac make thene acquayntaunce nat to de Ind Thomas pet efte lones warns I the Beware of berithat in thy bosomes lepeth wate for the ferpent that follup crepeth Under the graffe a ftyngeth full lubtellp Beware my forme and bethen paciently That twely thoulabemen have loft ber lyues for fitpuying with her lemans /a her would Aowelpth pe haue fo holy a mehe wofe What nedeth you Thomas to make Acpfe There mys pwys no ferpent fo crucil Wha a man trebeth bpo his taple ne balf lo fell As a woman is/whan f be bath caught an pie Tiery bengeaunce us than all ber beipze Are is a spine one of the greatest offeuen and full abhompnable/to p kinge of beuen And to him felfe it is a diffruction This euerp lewbe bycar og parfon Can lap howe tee engendzeth hompelde Tre in lothe is the executour of parde a coude of prelap | tight mothe (orome That my tale Chulbe lafte cyll to mozowe And therfore pray I goo bothe day ampaht That to arryous manigod lebe lytell myght It is great harme and certes great pete Coler an Trous man in bygh begre.

Pplom there was an Irous potestate As lapth Denek p During bis aftate Upon a day out reden knyghtes two Ind as foxune wolderthat it was fo That one of horn came home pochec nought Inone the knight before the tuge is brought That layo thus theu balt the fclowe flame for whiche I denie the to the octh certapne and to another bright comaunded be So lebe him to the bethe I charge the and happed as they wenten by the wey Towarde the place where he (buthe hep The knight cael which men wede bad be beed Than thought thep/it were the best reed. To leade hem bothel to the Juge agapt They Capben lozde the knight bath nat Clayn b) is felowe/bere be fronte bole a lpue re ( hall be deed quod beilo mote I thrive This is to Cap/bothe one two and three and to the frait knight/right thus (pake be Joampned the thou must algates be deed

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Ind thou allo must nedes lese then theed for thou acte cause whe the felowe deeth and to the there amight right thus he seeth Thou halt nat do that I communed the Ind thus he ded do hem wee all three.

Kus Camby (cg/ was eke Dzonkeleme And ape delyted him to be af were Anoto befell a lozde of his mepne That loved well bertuoule mozalyte sayo on a day bytwir hem felte right thus A lorde is loft if he be aught becious There is many an eye and many an ere Awayting on a lozde be not nat where And ozonkenelle is ekela foule recozde Drany man and namely of a lozde Tor goodes love brinketh more temperatly ippne maketh a man to lefen weetchpolp His mynde and cke his lymnics cucrychone The reverse ( halt thou le quod he anone Ind preue it by then owne experience That wone ne both to folke luche offence There is no wyne bereueth me my might Of hande of fote ne of myn epen light And for dispyte he dranke moche the more An hundled parte than he dod befole And right anone/this yzous curied wietche This knightes Connellet beforne him tetche Comaunoed him/be Coulde beforne him frande And lodenly he toke his bowe in hande And by the Atynge he pulled to his ete Ind with an arowe he flough the childe there Aowe whether have Trafpher hande or none Quod be is all my might and pide agone Hath wone beceued me mon eyen light What (bulde I cell the answere of the knight Distonne was flagne there is no moze to tay Beth wate therfore with lordes for to play Sprigeth placeboland I hall if I can But it it be buto a pooze man To a poore man men Chulde his vices tell But nat to a lozde/though he fyulde go to hell.

Howe distroyed he the react of Gelen for that an horse of the was drent therm was that the went Babylon for to wenne that the truer was solmall That mentalght type and wade ouer all to what sayd he that so well teche can

Acbenofe' o an proug man Ar within woveman walke by the way Left thou epent I well no ferther lap Aome Chomas leue brother leaue then ite Thou halt me fonde as tult as a foupere Dolo: nat the opuels knyfe age in the herre The angre bothe the all to lose Imerce But thewe to me all the confession Ray quod the licke man by laint Symon I have bel have this day of my curace f have him tolde all boly myn aftate It nedeth nomoze to speke of it land he But if it loft of mon humplite peue methan of the good to make our clopfter Said he for many a multie a many an orter Ibhan other men haue ben full well at ele Daue ben our fode our clopfter for to ceple 3 10 per god wote binneth our toundement Dartourmed is ne of our chysche full pament Tyere is nat a tyle, within our wones 23 p god we owe totte pounds for Cones Rowe helpe Thomas for him p harowed bell D: els mult we our bokes leil 3 no it men lacke our predicacion Tyan goth the worlde all to diffruction for who to well fro this woulde be because So god me faue Thomas by pour leue the wolde beceue out of this worlde the forms for who can teene and worke as we some And that is natioflytell tyme quod be Butlythe Dely was of Delpte Haur freres be that fynde fof tecoide In charge pthanked be our loide Nowe Thomas belpe for farme charres And downe anon belytteth on his bac This licke man werenygh wode for yie De wolde that the frere had be a tyle with his falle opilimulation Suche thinges as ben in my pole Tron Quod he chac map I peue & none other pe fay me thus howe that I am pour bother pe certes quod the frete trusteth me right wels f toke our Dame our letter and outleie Howe well quod be stommbatt ball Treue Unto your holy Couent whyle I loue and in the bande thou i balt it baue anone On this condicion and other noue That thou Departe it to my bere brother That every frete baue as moche as other This Chalt thou were on the professions

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mithout fraude or caupilactoun I (well st quod the frete boon my fayth Ind therwichall his hande in his be layth Lo best my fayth in me f hall be no lacke Than put the habe adowne right be my backe Saph thes maniand grope well behynde Brneth mp buttoke there ( halt thou fynde I thing that I have byd in priupte I thought this freee that I hall go with me Ind bowne his bande he launched to the clifte In hope to fynde there lome good pette and whan this liche man felte this frece Aboute his towell gropping here and there Impo big bande he let the frece a facte There is no capull brawping in a carte That mighthane let a farte of luche a loun The frere bp ferte as bothe a wode Ipoun I falfe charle guod he fo: cockes bones This hall thou in dilpyte bol fo: the nones Thou Chalt abre this farte if that I may Wis merne with that herden luche arap Come leaping miand chaled out the frere Ind forthe he goth with a full heup chete And fet his felowe there as lay his floje De loked as he were a wploe boze and aryuneth with his teth to was he wroth A flurdy pace Downe to the courte be goth Tubere as there woneth a man of great honour Co whome that he was alway contellour This worthy man was lorde of p bplage This frere came as he were in a rage Where as this lowe late cating at his boide Unneth might the frete fpeke o wozde Tyll at laft he faid god poule This lorde gan loke and laid benedicite What frere John what maner worlde is this I te well some thing there is a mps pe loke as though p wode were full of theups Syt bowne and tell me what your greue is And it ( hall be amended if I map I have qued be had a duppte to day God pelde it pou abowne in your byllage That in this worlde there nys lo poore a page That he nolve have abhompnacion Of that I have recepued in the town And pet ne greueth me | nothing fo lose As that the olde chorle with his lockes hoze 23 lasphemed bath our help couent che Aowemutter or the logbe | 3 pou beleke Ao mapter fre aud bei but feruptour

Though I have bab in fcole that bonous God leketh natithat rabe men be call A outher in market ne in pour large hall Ao force quod be but tell me all pour grefe sy quod this tretr an obious milebefe This day be tyd/is to myne oldle and me Ind fo per conlequece in eche Degre Of holy churche god amende it lone bit quod the logoe pe wote what is to done Diftemper pe native be my confessout pe be the falce of the erthe and the fauour fo; goddes loue pour pacience nowe holde Tell me pour grefe and he anone him tolde As ye have heroe beforne pe wote well what The lady of the house are apillat Tyll ( he had berde what the trere had lapde Ere goddes mother of the the bleffed mapos Is there aught els tell me farthfulip abanne quod be howe thinke pe therby Dowe of me thinketh of the logod melpede I lay a chorle bath do a chorles deve What shulde I say god let him neuer the b) is licke heed is tull or bangte holde hun in maner of a franspe Madame quod he by god I Chall nat lpe But I in any wpfe may an him awzeke I Chall Dittame him ouer all where I fpeke That falle blasphemer whiche p charged me To parte it that well nat departed be To energ plyke moche with mischaunce The lorde face fight as he were in a traunce and in his herte he rolled by and boun Howe that cois choile bath pmagpnacioun. To the we fuche a probleme to the trete Reuer erft ere now berbe fof tuche a matere trowe the opuell put it in his mynde In artmetrik f ball there no man bride Betozne this day offuche a question Who I hulde make a bemonstracion That every man [ hulbe have lyke his parte As of a lowne of of a fauour of a tarte Dayce proude chorle I Chrewe his face Lottes quod the lozde with harde grace 10ho euer berde of luche a thynge of nowe To euerp man piphe/tell me howe It is an impolitible it may not be Epenpee chorle god let bim neuer the The combiginge of a facte and every foun Ays but of ayze reverberacioun Ind cuer it wafteth lyte and lyte away

Thereis no manican bome by mp (ap Iribat it were beparted equally unhar to my chorierto yet howe (bremoly 21.10 mp confeilout/to Day be fpake I holde bym certapne a bemonpake Aowe cate your meate a let the choile go plap Let him go bange byndelfe a byuell was Bow: fade the topoes fquper at his boide That carft his meate | there worde by worde Dfall this thong of whiche have you fard Day loade quod herbe pe nat puell apapo for I coude tell for a gowne clothe To ponty; frere lo pe be nat wrothe Howe that this farte [ buloe cupn bealed be Imonge pour couent ut it ly be lithe Tell quod the lorde a thou thalte have anon I gowne clothe by goo and by layne John Day lorde quod he whan y the wever is fayse Without wende of perturbing of appe Let bringe a carte whele right in to this hall But fo that it have his fpokes all Twelve (pokes bath a catte whele comenly Ind bring me than rustretes wete pe why for thortene is a couent las Tgelle your confestout bere for his worthpreste Shall perfourme bp p nomble of his couent Than thall they knote downer by one allent 3no to every Cpokes ender in this manete full ladly lay bis note f ball a trete your noble contellour there god him laue Shall bolde his nole/ bpziggt biber the naue Chan Chall this chorle moter frite a tought Is any tabout by det ne phrought and let him on the white right of this carte Upon the naue and make bun let a fatte Ind pe (bull le bp parell of my lyte By prefer whiche that is bemonttatple That equally the founde of it well wende Ind the the applicant at the spokes ende Saue that this worthy man/pour confessour Bycaufe be is a man of great honour Shall have the fyelt fruce as realon is The noble blage of freres pet is this The worthpet man of the Chall firt be ferueb And certaprilpibe hath it well defecued i)e bath to day taught us to mothe good with prechang in the pulper there be frood That I may bouchelaute Hlay fo; me De hab the fiell (mell of farces type and to molde all big bietheene bacbely

Be bearer jum lo tapzeland le bolple The lor cithe laby and cebe man (aue freze Dapo chat Jankyn (pakt in this matere Is will as Dupbe et Dibolome Coulying the choiles: they lapo lubtilte and bye byt made him fpeke as be fpake He nps no fole ne no demonpate and Janapa bath piwonne a newe gowne My tale is bone we be almost at towar.

There endeth the Sompnours tales and bere followerd the clerke of Orenfordes prologe. 20

Ir derke of Orenforbelour bolt farbe perpocas quop a ftyll as both a magoe Were newe (pouled fpttpng at the boide This Day! ne berde I of pour tonge a woide a trowe ye fluby about fome lophyme But Salomon lapo that all thing hath time for goodes lake as be of good chere Te is no tome nowe to fluop bere Tell be Come mery tale by pour fap fo: what man is entred in to a plan He nedes mote in to the play affente But prechety nat as fteres bo in lente Comake beforout olde fpnnes were Ac that the tale make be nat to flepe Tell be fome merp thong of auentuces pour termes your colours and pour frquees Bepe them in Rose trill to be that he endyte Bigh figle is whan men to konges witte speketh (o playne fat this tyme ( I you play) That we may bideritande what refar This worthy clerke benggnely answerds Holl quod be I am under your perde pehane of balas nowe the governaunce Ind thetroze! I (ball do pou obepfaunce Is ferce as reason afterb barbely I well you tell a tale whiche that I Lerned at Badowe of a worthy derke As preued is bp his wordes this werke De is nowe beed and napled in bis cheft pap to god peue bis foule geod tell fraunces Wetrarke the laureat poete Dight this clerke whale rethouse livets

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Or lates an otheracte patricules

But we dethely well and fulfix be develon bece

But an dethely in which fulfix be develon bece

But an dethely in the land all hall we deve

But forthe to wil of this worthy man

Thaveaugh we this tale as I began

I say the furth with high flyle be empteth

Ere be the body of his tale writeth

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Ind speciall of Aspenten the hylles he

That ben the boundes of well a umbarde

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That Eliwarde/euer incrateth in his cours
To Enicly where/re ferrace and Manylo
The whiche a longe thing were to beurlo
And trewly/as to my sugement
Se thingeth it/a thing inpertinant
Saue that him lyft/conney his masses
But this is his tale/as pe mowe here.

Discreenbeth the decke of Orenforbes prologe/4 here followeth his tale.



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I thur playne habitaunt of bitaple

Where many a towns a tour p maple beholoe

That founded were in tyme of fathers olde

Ind many another dylectable light

And Salares this noble countre hight

I markes foretymerlozde was of that lande
Is were he's worthy elders him before
Ind obepliffing spel redy to his hande
were all his tropes/bothe laffe and more

Thus in Delpte he lpued and hath bo pops Beloued and diad through favour of fortune Bothe of his lordes and the of his comme

Therwith he was to speke as of lynage
The gentplest phone of Lumbardp
If appe persons a strong and ponge of age
Ind full of honour and of curtesp
Discrete phone this countre for to gre
Daue in some thenges that he was to blame
Ind Walter was this ponge sphes name

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I blame hom thus that he confidered nought in topine company what moght hom betode But on his full prefent i was all his thought is for to hauke and hunte on euery spoe well anyth all other cures i let he flore indete he nolde and that was worst of all webde no wose for ought that myght befall

Onelp that poput | his people bare fo fore That flokmele on a Dapithep to hom went Ind one of hem that wolelt was of loze Or els that the lorde wolde best affent That he shulde tell hom | what his people ment Or els counc he she well fuche matere De to the markes saph as pe shull beren

O noble markis pour humanite
Affureth beland peueth ve hardinelle
As ofte as tyme is of necessite
That we to poul mowe tell our heutinelle
Accepteth nowe lozde of pour gentylnelle
That we with pytous herrel binco you playine
And let pour cares nat mp boyce disoapne

Il have I nat to bone in this matere

Doze than another man/hath in this place
petfoz as mothel as pe my lozbe to bere
Dave alway the web me favour and grace
That the better are of you a space
Of audience/to the we our request
and pe my lozbe to bo ryght as you less

for certes lorde lo well be liteth pou
And all pour workers euer haire done that we
Ac coude nat our felfe deuten howe
the myght lyuen in more felicite
Sauc o thong lorde l'if pour woll be
That forto be a wedded man pou left
Chan were pour people in fourreyn herif rest

Bowe pe pour heed/binder the bipffull poke

Of fouerepnte/and nat of fecuse

Whiche that men clepeth/spoulaple or wedloke

Ind thynkethlorder among your wittes wyle

Dowe that our dapes pallen in fondry wyle

for though we slepe or wake/renne or tyde

Tye speech the tyme it woll no man abyde

In crepeth age as fiyll as any frone

Ind bett istheth/euerp age and impis In eche .cate / forthere ne elcapeth none Inda' o certepni as we knowe echeone That we shall ope and bucertepn we all Ber of the dape whan bethe shall on be fall

Accepteth than of bethe true entent That pet neuer refuleben pour helte Ind we woll loide af pe woll affent Chole pou a wofe in thost tyme at lette Boine of the gentplett and of the melte Of all Italy to that it ought teme Honour to god and you as I can beme

Delpuer be out of all this bulp brede
And take a wrie for hrigh goddes lake
for if lo be it befall las god forbede
Chatthorowe pour beth lour lyne shuld lake
And that a straunge successour shulde take
pour herytage of wo were be on spue
wherfore we pray you hastely to wrue

Der meke plaper and her pyteous chere Dabe the markts herre for to haue pyte pewoll quod her mpn o wne people bere To that I neuer erft thought confirepne me I me retopled in mp lybette That lelve tyme is founde in mariage There I was free I muste be in leruage

But nethelelle | I le pour true entent Ind truste doon pour wortand haue done ap wherfore of my fre woll! I woll assent To webde me l'assone as euer I map But there as pe haue profred me to dap To chole me a wofe! I pou relece That chois I pray poul of that profét sece

for god it wot / that chall en ofte ben Unlyke her worthy elders hem before Bounte cometh all of god nat of the Chan Of whiche they be gendred and ybore I trufte in goddes bounte and therfore My marriage and myn effate and refte I hym betake be may bo as hym lefte

Let mealone itn cholping of mp wpfe That charge boon mp backet I well endure But I pou pray tand charge boon pour lyte That what wpfe that I taket pe may affore

# The derkes tale of Openforde.

To worthyp her! whiles ber lyfe may bute In morbe and worke! bothe here a cuery where Is the an emperous boughter were

Ind feethermoze this (hall pe (were that pe Ipent mp chois, (hall neuer grutche ne fit put fozisth I (hall fozgo mp liberte It pour request as euer mot I troue there as mp herte is let there woll I wope Ind but pe woll aftence in such manere I pray pou (peketh no moze of this matere

With herty woll/they (wozen and allentyn Co all this theng there (aid nat one weight nay Beleding bem of grace/oz that they wentyn That he wolde graunt hem a certern day Of his (poulapil / as (one as ever he may fozyet alway/many of the people bredde Left the markis wolde no wyfe wedde

De graunted hem a dap fluche as hom lest on whiche he wolde be wedded likerly and fapo he dop all this fat her request and thep with humble entent burumly buckpug boon her knees full reverently. Of her entent and home apen thep wende

Ind here boon be toke his officers
Ind commaunded for the fefte to puruep
Ind to his prive knoghtes and squpers
Suche charge patras he lost on hem lep
Ind they to his commaundement obep
Ind eche of hem dorthe all his biligence
To bo buto that feste hogh reucrence

Daima pars Grifilbis.

Dught fer fro that palers bonozable
There as this markis (hope his marks
Ther Robe a thosperof light ful belectable (ge
In whiche that pose folker of that billage
Dabben ber beltes and her herbigage
Ind of labour toke ber luftenaunce
Ifter that the erthe/paf hem habumbaunce

Among these poze folke there owelled aman Whiche was pholde pozest of hem all But hogh god somtome sende can bis grace in to a speel ores stall

Janicola / men of that thospe bymcall a boughter had ber fapze prough to fpght and Getfelbis/ this pong mayben byght

But for to speke of vertuous beaute
Than was the oner the faprest under sonne
Ind full poorier fostred up was the
A of scorous lust was through her herte pronne
But ofter of the wellerthan of the wen tonne
the dranker and for the wolde vertue please
the knewe well labout but none pole ease

But though this mapbelo tender were of age pet in the breft of her birginite The mas enclosed tipe and lad corage And in great reverence and charite. Her olde pore father/fostred the Afewe thepe / sppnnpng on felde the kepte the wolce nat be pole/tylishe septe

Ind whan the hommatte came/the wolde bigg mortes to a other berbes tymes ofte. The whiche the threboeta fetherh for her lyneng and made her beed hardeland nothing lofte. Ind apelific kepte her fathers lyfe on lofte with everythe obeyfaunce and diligence. That chyloe myght botto the fathers reverence.

Tipon Grilide / this poze creature
full ofte lithes/this markis fette his epe
As he rode on huntpng perauenture
And whan it befplischat he myght her alppe
De nat with wanten lokying of folge
Dis epen cafte on her but in lad wyle
Alpon here chere/he wolde hym ofte abuyle

Commendeng in his berteiher womanhede And che ber bertue / palleng any weight Of lo ponge age as well in there as bede for though the people had no great inlight In bertue / he confidered full right Der bounte / and disposed hym that he wolde wedde her onely it he euer wedde shulde

The day of weddyng came but no wyght can Tell what maner woman it fulde be for whiche meruapil wondred many a man Ind fapo whan they were in privite woll nat our lorde leave pethis bantie

#### The dechestale of Orent

Woll be nat webbe falas alas the whyle whyle who be the chus hom felle and be beggle

But nathelelle / this markis had do make Of gemmes fette / in golde and in afure Buches and tynges / for Grifildes lake And of her clothyng toke the measure ... Of a may be / lyke but o her statute And eke of her other ornamentes all That but o suche a weddyng shulde befall

The tyme of budiyn | on the same bap.
Approched/that the wedding shuide be
And all the paleps put was in arap
Bothe hall and chambres ethe in his dead
Doules of office/stuffed with great pleme
There mails thouse | of deputeous bitapil
That may be sounden | as ter as lasteth Itapil

Cois riall markis richely arayed
Lozdes and ladyes in his company
The whiche that to the felte were prayed
and of his retinue the bachelery
with many slowne of londry melody
unto the billage of whiche I colde
In this aray the cyght way have holde

Trifibe of this god wote full innocent
That for her shappn was fall this aray
To fette water at the welle is went
Ind cometh home, as sone as ever she may
for well the heroe sayb, that pike day
That the mark is shulbe were at the myght
She wolve fayne have sene, some of that syght

She thought I well wother mappens fonde.
That ben mp felowes in our doze and le
The mackelle and therfore well I fonde.
To done at home as sone as it may be
The labour whiche that longeth to me
Ind than I map at lepser here beholde
If the this map but the castell holde

Ind as the wolde over the thiellholde gone
The markis came, and gan berforto call
Ind the fer downe her water pot anone
Befides the thiellholde, man ores stall
And downe boon beckness the gan to fall
Ind with fad contenaunce kneled styll
Tyll the had herde, what was the lordes wyll

This th full markis spak buts the maple
full (o' sipland sapt in this manere
lither is pour father to Grissous helapte
And werde to the selection humble chere
And werde to the little that selection here
And in the gother withouten lenger let
And to the markis the her father fet

Deby the handel than toke this olde man And layd thus whan be had byma lyde Jangcola. Inepther may ne can the plelaunce lenger of my herte hyde of that thou bouchelaufe that lo bety de thy doughter wyll I take of that I wende Is to my wyle but o ber lyues ende.

Ind arte mp fepthfull liege man boze
Ind all that lpketh me. I date well cartapne
It lpketh the and specially therfore
Cell me that populithat I sayo before
And if thou woll but o that purpose drawe
Co take me as for thy some in lawe

This lodann cale! this man aftoned to
That reed be werte labailhed a all quakpings
De flode binnethe lapd be wordes mo
But onely thus lorde quod he my wollings
ys las ye well: neagapult your lykpings
I woll no thung be be my lorde to dete
Lyght as you left governeth this maters

pet woll I quod this markis loftely Chat in pour chamble I thou and the Daue a collacion and wotest thou why for I will are if it her will be Cobe my wyse and rule her after me And all this shall be boom thy presence I will nat speke out of then audience

Ind in the chamble | whyle they were about Der tretees | whiche as ye hall after here The people came in to the houle | all without And wondled hem in how honel manere And la central p kepte her father dere 23 ut viterly Grifilde wondle impakt folicier erft inelawe (he luche a fight

Ao wonder is thought the were foned Tolelo great agelicome in that place

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#### The clerkes tals of Openforde.

She neuer was to no luche gyftes p wonned for whiche (he loked with full pall face But (hoptip fathe this mater for to chale Thele ben the wordes) that the markis lapbe To this beep benigne /fcpthfull mapbe

Grilibe he laph! pe (bull well haber fanbe
It lpheth bato your father and bato me
That I pou webbe and the it map to france
Is I suppose that pe well that it to be
But these demandes are I first quod he
That I that it shall be bone in hally well
Woll pe allente of els pou auple

I fap thus be pe rebp with good herte To all mp luft and that I frelp map Is me best thouseth/though pe laugh of fmerte. Ind neuer pe to grutche/nyght ne dap Whan I fap per that pe fap nat ones nap Aouther by worder ne by frounging contenauce were this and here I fwere our all pauce

Mondzpng bpon thefe wordes / quakpng for She fard lorde indigne a buworthy (Drede am to fuche honour as pe me bede am to fuche honour (as pe me bede am to fuche honour (as pe me bede am to fuche honour (elfe, rpgbt fo well am to here a fwere/that neuer wellpingly and here a forte thought and put offober for to be beed / though me were lothe to dep

This is prough/Grifildempn quod he Ind forthe be gothe with a full lober there Out at doze and after came the Ind to the people be lapd in this manere This is my wyfe quod he that flandeth here Honoureth her and loueth her Joou pray who lo me loueth there is no more to lap

Ind for that no thong of her olde gere he foulde brong in to his house he bad That women shulde despople her there of whiche these ladpes, were nat full glad to handell her clothes where in she was clad But nethelesseithis mappe broght of hewe fro fote to heed they clothed her all news

Der beares they kempter that lay butrelled full cubdy and with her fyngers (male acrowne on her beed they have popelled antice berfull of ouches great and imale

of her arapiwhat thuise I make atale unnethe p people her knewe forher faprenelle when the translated was in luche richelle

This markis hath het spouled with a rpng Bought for the same cause and than her set alpon an horse snow white full well ambigng and to his paleys or he lerger let with topfull people that her labbe and met Conueped her and thus the day they spende In reuell tyll the sonne gan beseende

Ind (hortip forthe i this tale for to chace

I sepi that to this news makellelle

Connect luche fauour lente of his grace

Chat it ne lemed by no lykipnelle

Chat the was borne and fedde in cubenelle

Is in a cote or in an ores stall

But northed in an emperours hall

To every wyghtilbe woren is to bere
Ind wolfbypfullithat folke there the was bote
And from her butthe knewe her pere by pere
Unnethe trowed they but durit have wore
That to Janicola of whiche I spake before
She doughter was for as by confecure
Dem thought the was another creature

for though that ener/bertuous was the she was encreased/in such ercellence of thewps good/let in hygh bounte and so benigne/and to digne of reverence ob benigne/and to digne of reverence and coude so the peoples hertes endrace othat eche her loved/that loked in her sace

Aat onely of Saluces in the town Bubly (theb was the bounte of her name But eke befyde in many a regioun If one food well another fayb the fame So (predde of her hygh bounte the fame That men and women bothe yong and olde Son to Saluces bon her to beholde

Thus Walter lowly I nay but royally Webber hath with fortunat honefte In goddes peace spucth full boneftly at home I and outwarde grace prough had be and for he lawe that buder lowe degre

#### The deckes tale of or poe.

mas honelt bertue hpd/the people hpm helde Appudent man/and that is lepn full leide

Ast onely this Griffipe/ though her wit Coude all the feate of worky humblenelle But eke/whan that the cale required it The comme profite coude the redrelle There nas bilcorde/ rancourine heumelle In all the lande/ that the it coude a peace and wylely bryng hem/in rell and cale

Though her hubande were ablent or none
If gentplmenter other of that countre
were wroth the wolde bying hem attone
o wple and type wordes had the
and in tugement / to great equite
that the from heuen lent was as men wende
people to laue and euerp wrong to amende

Aat longe tyme after that this Grailde was wedden the a doughter had phoze All had her leuer boze a knauechylde Glad was the markis and the folke therfoze for though a maybe chylde came all befoze She may buto a knaue chylde atterne By lyklehede (fyn the nys nat barerne:

Crplicit lecunda pars : Et

Dere fpll / as it befalleth ofte tyme mo Inhan that this chyloe had loked but a This markis in his herte longethlo (throwe To tempte his wyfe ber sabnesse to knowe That he ne myght out of his herte throwe This meruaplous desire his wyfe to assay Redelesse god wote he thought her taffray

De had allayed her pnough ofte tyme before Ind fonde her euer good what nedeth it Der for to tempte and alway more and more Chough fome man prepfe it for a lubtyll wyt But as for me! I lay full cuyll it for Co allay a wyfe whan that it is no nede Ind put her in anguyithe and in drede

For which this markis wrought in this manere Decame all on anyght/there as the lay With ferne face | and erght bgly chere Ind land thus/ Grifilde quod be that day The Apontobeffeo pour post acap
In put pou in effate of hyght nobleffe
re jaue hat that fosgoten/ as Ageffe

I far Stilibei the prefent dignite
In whiche I have put poulas I trome
Daketh pou nat forpetfull for to be
Chat I pou tokefin pore estate full lome
for any welef pe must pour selfe knowe
Take hede of euerp worde what I sep
Chece is no wright that hereth but we twey

Pe wote pour lelfe/howe that pe came here Into this house it is nat longe ago Ind though to me/pe be bothe lefe and dere Unto mp gentyls/ pe be no thong so They say to bem it is great shame and wo for to be subjected and ben in servage. To the that borne arte in so small a billage

And namely lith thy boughter was phose Thele wordes have they looken boutelelle But I delice as I have bone before To lyue my lyfe, with hem in refle a peace I may not in this case be rechelesse. I mote bone with thy boughter for the best Matas I wolve but as my people less

Ind pet god wote this is full forheto me But netheleile i without your wittpng I will nat do but thus I woll quod be That pe to me affent as fo this throng Shewe nowe your pacience in your working That pe me hyght and (wore in your billage That day that made was our marrage

Whan the had herbe all this the nat ameued
Aepther in worde in there ne in countenaunce
for as it temed the was nat agreed
She tapth lorde all theth in your pletaunce
App childe and I with hertly obeytaunce
Ben your owne and ye may take and toyll
your owne thong bo yet after your well

There may be no thrng / lo god my loule laue Lykping to pouthat may displease me Me Toelice no thrng im any write to have Me diede for to lefe faue onely re This well is in myn betterand are than be Litt.

## The clerkes take of Ortnforde.

An lengthof true es bethe may this beface Be turne my cosage; to none other place

Glad was this markle of her answering But pet it somed as he were nat so All drery was his chere and his loking Whan that he shalled out of the chambre go Some after this a furlong way or two De princip hath tolde all his entent Alnto a man and to his wife him sent

I maner of a lectaunt was this preup man The whiche that fepthfull often he founde had In thonges great and the luche folke well can Bone exculacion in thonges bad The lozor knews well that he hom loved 3 Drad Ind whan this ferjaunt woll his lozoes woll In to the chambre he ftalked hom full fipil

Dabame he lapd pe mote forgpue it me Though Joo thong which Jam conftrapned pe be full wple and full well knowe pe That lordes heftes may not be fapned They may well be bewarked and complemed But men mufte nede buto her luft obey Ind to woll I there is no more to fap

This childe I am commaunded for to take Ind spake nomore but out the childe he bent is though he wolde have deprete or the went or still de must all suffre and concept. Ind as a same (she specified by the specified by the cruell section to bis will and let this cruell section to bis will

Suspectous was the same of this man Suspecte his face suspects his worde also Suspecte the tyme in which he chis began Blas her boughter that the loued so She mende he wolde have acpuse it tho But nathelesses the nepther wepte ne liked Conferming her to that the machis liked

But at the laft ifpeke than the began
And mekelp the to the fertaumt propos
So as he was a very geneplman
That the mult ber childe kalle ones or it beybe
And in her barme the the lytell chylde lepde
Withfull fad face and gan the childe to blylle
And fulled it and after gan it by the

Indibus (he lapd in her benigne boys farmeil my shpide I hall the neuerle But luh I have the marked with the croys of their father/bielled mot thou be That for be deple boon the croffe of tre the louis lytelichelde I ham betake for this hyghelhalte thou dee for my lake

I trowe that to a notice in this cas
I that be hardel this routhe for to le
Well myght a moder than have cryed/alas
But nothelessel (o lad and stedfall was she
That she endured all adversite
And to the seriaunt mokely she sappe
Daue here agayn! your lytell yong may be

Bothe nowe quod the/g bothe mp lozdeshelle 28 ut o thrng well J prap pour of pour grace 28 ut if mp lozde fordad pou at lefte 28 ut it in lozde fordad pou at lefte 28 ut it is lettell body in some place. That bestes ne foules it to take 23 ut he to that purpose/no worde wolde lap 23 ut toke the childe/and went boon his way

This criaunt came to the loade agapn
And of Geilidis wordes and her chere
De tolde hom poput by poput short and plepu
And hom presented with his doughter dere
Somwhat this load had couthe in his manere
But nethelesse his purpose helde he styll
Is loades done whan they woll have ber woll

And bed his feriaent that he prively shulve the chribe fofte wonde and wrappe with all the circumstaunces tenderly. Indexpet in a coffre or in a lappe.

But on pepue his heed of for to swappe that no man shulve knowe of this entent he when he came ne whether that he went

But at Bolepne; he to his fuller dere Chat place type; of Baupe was counteffe Belbulde it take; and there her this matere Belekping her; to be her buspinesse. This cholde to foster in all gentylnesse and whose childe that it is he had her hide from every wyght, for ought that may betyde

The Certaint gothela bath fulfplied this thrng But to this markis no be retourne we

#### The clerkes tale of Dren De.

for nowe gothe he tull falte pmaginpng
If bp his woues chere/he mpghele
Dr bp her worde/ apercepue that the
were chaunged/but neuer coude he fynde
But euer in one/lykelad and kynde

As glad as humble as bufp in cruite.

And eke in loue as the was wonte to be
was the to hom! and in euerp maner wole
Re of her boughter nat one worde (pake the
Mone accident/for none aduertite
was (con in her ne neuer her boughter name
Re nempned the/in ernell ne in game.

Ceplicit tertia pars : Et fequitur pars

A this estate there paste be foure pete Er the wichploe was but as god wolve a man chiploe the bare by this Waltere full gractous and fayze for to beholve and whan that folke it to his father tolve hat onely he but all his countre mery was for this childer and god they thanke a hery

Whan it was two pere olde and fro the breft Beparted fro his nozice bpon a day This markis caught pet another left To tempte his worke pet ofter if he may Unnebeleffe was the tempted in affay But wedded men ine can no measure whan that they fynde a pacient creature

Inpfe quod this markis pehaue berde o: this
Sop people bereth heup / likerly our mariage
And namely lith my loune phoane is
Aowe it is worle than cucr in all our age
The murmur fleth myn berte and my corage
for to myn eares cometh the boyce lo linerte
That it full nygh diftroped hath myn here

Aowelap they thus | whan Walter is agone Than (hall the blode of Janicola luccede Ind be out lozde | foz other have we none with wordes lapth my people out of diche Well ought Jof luche muchiur take heds for cerienly Josede all luche lentence Though they nat plepn in myn audience

I wol em peaceiff that I mpght fibher je I am offoled full detecte as of fullet letued by nyght Brist lothynke I to letue hym princip out of your lefter for no wol hulde outrap Be pacient and therof I pour pap

I have quod the land thus and ever thall wolde no thing in no maner certeen But as you left nothing greveth me at all Though that my boughter a my fon by lanne It pour commundement this is for to lanne have had no part of this is for twence But first lickenesse and after wo a perne

pe ben out loade bothe with pout owne thong thought as you loft asketh no tede of me for as I lefte at home all my clothong what I came first to you tryght lo quod the Lefte I mp woll and all mp liberte.

Ind take pour clothong wherfore I pour pray Dothe pour plesaunce I will pour lust obey

And certes! if I had any prescience
pour woll to knowe or pe pour lust me tolde
I wolde it do without negligence
But nowe I wote pour lust and what or wolde
All pour plesaunce terme and subtril I bolde
for wost I that mp beth moght do you ease
Erghegladly wolde I bre pour to please

The pour love and whan this markislan The constaunce of his work he cast a boun Disepention and wonded that she map In pacience suffice all this maner aray And south the gother with disepp countenaunce. But to his herre it was full great plesaunce

This byleferiaunt in the same wose that her boughter caught ryght so he D: workens men can worke deuple Dath bent berson that full is of beauce And euer in one to pacient was the That the no there made of heunesse But kyste her son and after gan bym blesse But kyste her son and after gan bym blesse

Saue this the paped bym if that be myght Der iptellion be molbe in the erthe graue

## The clerkes take of Openforde.

Distender lymmes/belpcat in lyght fro foules/and fro beltes it to lave But the none other and were of hym might have De went his way / as he no thyng ne cought. But to Bolepneihe it tenderly brought

This markis wonden ever lenger the more Upon her pactencer and if that he fac had knowe lother there before That particly her chyloren loved the De wolde have monder that of fome lubtile and of malicerand for crueil carage That the had luftred this with lad bilage

But wele he knewe/ that nerte hom lelfecerteon She loued her cholden bell in euerd wole But nowe of women wolde Jare full feyn It these allapes moght nat suffile What coude a flurdy husbande moze deutle To preue her worfehode/ozher stedfastnelle And he continuong cuer in sturdinesse

But there be folke of fuche condicion
That whan they han a certeyne purpole take
That cannat fighte of her entencion
But right as they were bounden to a flake
They will nat of her firste purpole slake
Ryght forthis markis hath fully purpolen
To tempte his wyfe as he was first disposed

That the to hom was chaunged of cozage But never coude he frade and battaunce She was ape in one bette and in bifage and ape the ferther that the was in age The moze true if it were possible. She was to hom in love and moze penible.

for whiche it femed thus that of bem two There was but one wellifor but as Waiter left The fame luft was her plefaunce allo And god bethanked; all fell for the best She she wellifor none worldely burest I wellias of ber selfe nothing ne shuide well in effecte/but as her husbande wolde

The clauder of Walter/wonder wpdelpjadde
That of cruell herte/he full wyckedly
Tot a pore woman wedded had be
Dath mucded bothe his chyldren privile

Suche murmur was among hem comonly for wonder is for to the peoples ere (were were came no worder but that they murbled

for whicherwhere as the people there before Dad loued hom well the lelaudre of his befame Dade hem that hom, they hated therfore to be a murder is an hatefull name But nethelellestorernell ne for game De of his crueil purpole welde nat fignt To tempte his wyfer was all his entent

Whan that his boughter. rii. pere was of age
De in to the court of Rome in lubty it wple
Confourmed of his well-lint his mellage
Commaunding hemiluche bulles to deuple
Is to his cruell purpole map luffple
Dowe that the pope bad / as for his peoples relt
Chai he shulde woode another wyself he lest

I say he bad, they shulve counterfete
The papes bulles, making mencion
That he bath seave, his firste wife so; to lette
Is by the popes owne dispensacion
To synte the rancour, and discension
Betwene his people a hymithis sayd the buil
The whiche they have published at full

The rube people as no wonder ne is wende full well that it had be spate to But whan these tidpinges came to Buffildis I deme that the herte of her was full wo But the plike sad this humble creature The advertice of fortune all to endure

Abidping ever his luft and his plefaunce To whome that the was peven bette and all as to his beep worldely fuffilaunce But thortly if I this flory tell thail This markis writen bath in special a letter in whiche he she weth his entent and secretly to Bolopne he hath it sens

To the erie of Paupe/whiche had tho Wedded his (ufter/proped hym (pecially To bryng home apen/his chuldren two In honorable fate/ all openly But o thyng he hym prayde betterly

#### The derkes tale of Orenfo"

That he no wpght / though thep opd enquere Shulve nat tell/ whole thelipien that thep were

But fap the mapbe/fhall webbeb be unto the markis/of Saluces anon Ind as this ecle was praped/fo byb he for at daplet/ he on his war is gon Cowarde Saluces and lordes many on In riche acap/this maybe for to gobe her pong brother/rybing by her lybe

Araped was/towarde her mariage
This feelige mappe/full of gemmes clere
Der brother/whiche.bii.peres was of age
Araped full feelige in his manere
And thus in great noblelle/and glad chere
Towarde Daluces (pedping her Journey
fro dap to dap/they typen in her way.

Crplicit quarta pars: Et

This markis is pet/about to tepte moze
The biterest prefe of her corage
fully to have experience and loze
If the were las stedas as before
De on a day in open audience
full botstoully hath sayd her this centence

Cettes Getilbe i ] hab pnowe of plefaunce To have pou to mp wyfe/for pour goodnelle Is for pour trouthe i and pour oberfaunce Aut for pour lignage i ne for pour richelle But nowe knowe I i in very fothfalmelle That in great ford thep if I well aurle There is great feruttude in fonder wyfe

I may not bo as every plowman may My people constraymenth me for to take Inother wyfe and cryen day by day Ind the the poper rancourfor to lake Concenteth til that dare I budettake Ind truly thus mother I woll you say Myn newe wyfe is compng by the way

Be ftrong of herte and bopde anone her place Ind that bower that pe brought to me Caketh it apen I peue pou leue of my grace Returneth to pour fathers house | quod be Ao man may alway have prosperite With even! I tebe pou to enbure Che frot of fortune/og of aventure

Ind the agape and werde in pacience

By le be quod the I wore and wyfte alway
Bowe that between your magnificence

And my posete no wyght can ne may

Bake any compaction it is no nay
I ne helde me neuer digne in no manere,

To be your wyfe/no/ne your chamberere

Ind in this houle/there pe me laby made.
The high god take I for withelle
Ind allo wifely/ he misoule glade
I nenerbelde me laby ne mapfireffe
But humbleseruaunt/to your worthineffe
Ind eucrshall/ while that my life may buts
Ibouen euery worldely creature

That re baue (o longe of pour benignite

1) olde me in high honour land noblep

1) bere as I was not worth for to be

That thanke I god land you to whom I prap

for pelve it you there is no more to lap

unto my father gladly woide I wende

and with he movel to my iques ende

There I was foltred of a chylor full imail
Tyll I be deed my lyfe there wyll I lede
I wo do we clene in body herre and all
for lith I pake to you my may denhede
I am your true wyke it is no diede
God (hylde luche a lordes wyke to take
Inother man to hulbande or to make

And of pour newe wrfe god of his grace
to graunt pou wele and prospectic
for I woll gladly pelve her my place
In whiche I was diestull wont to be
for sith it lyketh pour my lorde quod she
That somtyme were all my bectes rest
That I shall gon I woll gon whan ye lest

But there as pe me profre luche down; e Is I firste brought it is well in my mynde It were my wretched clothes nothing fapre The whiche to me nowe were harde to fynde O good god howe gentril and howe kynde pe lemed by pour speche and pour bifage The day that maked was our martage

#### Therlethes tale of warmforber

But lathe islay by alway I fynde it tre we for in effects / propued it is on me Loue is nat older as whan it is ne we But certes lookader none advertite Garpen inchis cale / it shall nat be Chat ever in worde or worke | I shall cepente Chat I pour yeve mp herte in hole entence

Mp lome pe wote that in my fathers place pe opd me Gripelout of mp pote webe And richely peine clad of pour grace. To pour brought Anought elaiout of drede But fepth nabednelle and my mappenhede And here apenimp clothong A reftore. Ind eke my webdyng rynge i for euermore.

The semenaunt of pour sewelles seed they be about of my fathers houle quod the Aaked out of my fathers houle quod the I came and naked must I courne agayne. All pour plesaunce folowe wolde I feyne But per I hope it be nat pour entent. That I smokles jour of your paleps went

Pe coude nat do lo dishenell a theng
That pike wombe/in whiche pour chelozen lap shulve befoze the people in my walkeng
Beforn all bace wherfore I pour pap
Let me nat lighe a worme go by the wap
Remembre you myne owne lozde (o dere
I was your wefe though I bu worthy were

Wherfore in guerdon of my mapbenhede Whiche that I brought and nat apen bere Is bouchefaufe as peue me to my mede But fuche a smoke as I was wont to were That I therwith map were the wombe of hel? That was pour wyfe and here I take my leue Of you myn owne lorde iel I you greue

The Imoke of he I that thou halt boon the bake Let et be Apili and beare it forthe with the But well bunether that worde he Ipake But went his way for couthe and pote Before the folker her felle frapped bath the Ind in her Imoker with fote and heer all bare Cowarde her lathers boulers the fare

The folke ber folowen i wepping in ber wap and fortune euer/they cutied as they gon

But the fro mepping tapte ber even bitp Ae in this tyme wolde fpake the non Ser father that this tybinges berbe anon Curled the day and the tyme that nature Shope bym to be la types creature

for out of boubte this olde pore man thas ever (ulpecte of ber mariage for ever be bemed if that began That whan the lorde had fulfylled bis corage De wolde thynke it were a disparage To his estate (o lowe for to lyght and boyden her as some as ever be myght

Apenst his doughter bastely gothehe for he by nople of folke knowe her company and with her olde cote as it mpght be the coursed her full so wfully wepping But on her body/mpght he it nat byping for cube was the clothe, and the more of age 28 p dapes fele, than was her martage

Than with her father/for a certapn space
Dwelled this flour of wpflp pacience
That never by her worde me by her face
Beforne the folke me in her absence
Ae she wed she that her was done offence
Ae of her hygh estate mo remembraunce
Ae bad she as by any maner countenaunce

Ao wonder was for in ber great eftate Der gofte was cuer in plepne humilite Ao tender mouthine berte delicate Ao pompe ne femblaunce of spalte But fullof paciente benignite

Ind ape to her bulbande/meke and Bable

Men (peke of Job land molte for his bumbles Is clerkes whan they loft can well endite Aamely of men but in lothfalines Though clerkes preple women but a lyte There can no man in bumbles bem acquite Is woman can ne can be halfe (o treme Is women ben but it be fall of newe,

Ceplicit quinta pars: Et lequitur pars leriu.

#### The derkes tale of Orenfort

In Bolepne, is this erie of Paupe come
of which plame (piog) both more sielle
Ind in the peoples eares, all and some
was tolde, howe that he a newe markelle
with hym brought, in suche pompe a richeste
That neuer was there sene, with mannes ere
so noble arape in all well Lumbarde

The markis whiche that thope a knewe all this D2 that this erie was come fent his mellage for that felp poze creature of estillois and the with humble herteland glad bilage A at with no fwellping thought in her cozage came at his hefte and on her knees her fet and reuerently and wyfelp for hym aret

This mapben that webbed shalbe to me is ecepued be to mozowe all so rpally as it is possible in mpn house to be And che that every weight in his degre have his estate in sitting and in securice and he plesaunce as pe can best deuise

Thaue no woman luftilaunt certapne
The chambres for to arapin ordinaunce
after mp luft and therfore wolde I fapne
That then were alliuche maner of governauce
Thou knowest eke of olde all mp plesaunce
Though then arap be bad and eugli besep
To the deuoprese at the lest wee

Ast onely loade, that I am glad quod the To bo pour luft but I defice also you firfte to pleafe, and ferue in my degre without fayntyng and shall ever mo Ae never for no wele ine for no wo Ae shall the goste within my bette stent To love you best with all my true entent

And with that worde the gan f house to dogte And tables for to let and beddes for to make And papied her to do all that the might wrapen the chamberers for goddes fake To hake hem! and faste tweps and thake And the the most (crustable of all Dath every chambre araped and his hall

Thout the bnbjen / gan this erle to leght Chat w bein bjought thele noble chilojen twee

To whiche copie canito le that light of her ar chelp they were be lep and that was no fole though that him let to the lunge his wife for it was for the bett

forthe is lapret las they bempn all Than is Brilloe land more tender of age And lapret frupt between hem (hall fall And more plefaunte for her bygh lynage Der brother eke fo fapre was of bilage That hem to be the people hath caught plefauce Commendyng nowe the mark is governaunce

Me bindiscrete and chaunging as a bane Deliting euer in combell that is newe for like the mone lape ware pe and wane Ape full of clapping bere phowe a Jane pour dome is fals pour constance cupil princip. If full great fole is he that on you lyueth

Thus lapben lab folke in that cyte, Whan that the people garpo bp and boun for they were glab tright for the newelte. To have a newe laby of her toun Aomore of this nowe make I mencion But to Grifibe agaph I will me brelle. Ind tell her conflaunce and her buffnelle.

full bulp was Grifilde in euery thong.
That to the feste was the appertinent.
Right nought was the aballhed of her clothing.
Though it were tube and sombele eise to tent.
But with glad there to the pate is went.
With other folke to grete the markeles.
Ind after that I bothe forthe her buspnes.

That no befaute no man percepued.
That in so poze arap was for to se.
Ind coude suche honour and reuerence.
Ind worthelp, they prepsen ber prudence.

In all this meane whyle the nettent This marbe tand the her brother to comende with all her herre in full henigne entent So well that no man coube her price amende

## She derkes tale of Openforde.

But at lati when that lopbes wende Co litten bowne to meter be gan to call Grifilde las the was buly in the hall

Beilibe quod beiss it were in his pley
Dowe lyketh the my wyfe and her beaute
Ryght well my lozbe quod fhelfor in good fey
I fapzer lawe I neuer none than is the
I pray to good / yeue her good profperite
India hope I he wyll to you lende
Diclaunce ynowe/buto your lyues ende

D thong I befeche poul and warne allo Chat penat pitckel with no turmentong Chistenber mapbelas pe haue do mo foi the is fosterd in her noiss hope tenderly and to my supposping She coude nat advertite well endure Is coude a poore fosterd creature

Ind whan this Walter lawe ber pacience Her glad chere and no malice at all and he so ofte had do to her offence and she ape constaunt and sad as a wall Continuonge euer her innocence ouer all This sturdy marais gan his herte dielle To rewe boon her wofip stedsalnesse

This is pnowe Stillbeimpn quob he Benowe no moze agaltine cupil apapb I have the feeth and the benignite Is well as cuer woman was alapb In great ellatioz poozle arapb Aowe knowe I bere wefeithe ftedfallnelle Ind ber in armes toke, and gan ber kelle

Ind the for wonder toke of it no kepe
She herde nat what theng he to her larde
She ferde as the had flette out of her flepe
The out of her malidnes abserve
Ortific quod he by god that for be deple
Thou arte my worte ne none other I have
Be never had/as god my foule faue

This is the boughter whiche thou hall luppo-To be me wefe! that other leethfulle (led Shaibe men beeze!as I have purpoled Thou bare hem in the bode trule It Bolepne have I kepte hem privele Take bem aven/ for nome mapft thou nattep That thou haff louse / none of thy children twey

Ind folke that other wole! have land by me warne bem well that I have done this dede for no malice ine for no ecueice But for to allapien the thy womanhede and nacto fle my children god forbede But for to kepe hem/prively and fight world thy purpole knewe, and all thy wyll

Ibhan she this herde in swounpng bowne she
for pitous tope after her swounpng (falleth
she to bothe her pong chploren calleth
and in her armes full pitously weppage
Enbraced hem and tenderly kystynge
full lyke a moder/with her sake teares
she badeth bothe her bisage and her heares

Diwhiche a prious thring it was to le Der wounding and her prious bopce to here Graunt mercy lozde god thanke it you qo the Chat re haue faued memy children bere Aowe recke I neuer to be dedicuen here Sith plonde in pour loue and in pour grace Ao doute of dethe ne whan my spirit pace

D tenderlo derelo ponge chplozen mpne
pour wofull moder/wende full ftedfaftlp
That cruell houndes/oz some foule bermine
Dad eten pou but god of his mercp
Ind pour benigne father/so tenderlp
Dath done pou kepe and in that same Counde
Ill sobenly size (wapte downe to grounde

Ind in her (woune / lo lab!r holdeth lbe
Der chplozen two / whan lbe gan hem tembzace
That with great flepght and great difficulte
The children from her armeigan thep arace
O many a tere on many a pytous face
Downer an of hem that floden there bely be
Innethe aboute her myght they abyde

Malter her gladeth/ and her forowe flaketh
She rifeth bp / and aball hed from her traumce
Ind every wyght/ her tope and tefte maketh
Tyll the hath caught/ agapn her contenaunce
Walter dothe her / to fepthfully plefaunce
That it was depute / for to fene the chere
Betwene hem two / nowe they be met in fere

## The derisestate of Drr ibe.

Thefe ladges whan they her tyme fap
have taken her and in to chamble anone
and ftrypen her out of her rude aray
and in a cloth of goldes that bright fhone
with a crowne of many a tyche ftone
alpon her hesd they in to the hall her brought
and there f he was honoured as her ought

Thus hath this pytous day la blyffull ende for every man a woman lothe his might This day in myth and revell to fpende Tyll on the welken thou the flerres lyght for more folempnyte in every mannes lyght This feeft was and of greater costage Than was the revell of her mariage

Juli many a perein hygh prosperite
Lyuen these two in concorde and in rest
And rychely his doughter marged he
Unito a lorde one of the worthyest
Of all Jtayle and than in peace and rest
his whues father in his courte he kepeth
Tyli the soule out of the body crepeth

In some fuccedeth/ in his herptage
In rest and peace/after his fathers day
Ind fortunate was else in mariage
Ill put he nat his wyfe/in great assay
This worlde is nat so stronge/it is no nay
Is it hath ben/ in olde tymes yoze
Ind herketh what this auctour sayth therfore

This ftozy is layd nat for that whice shulde followe Gryfilde as in high humplite for it were importable though they wolde But for that every wight in his degre Shulde be constante in all advertige.

Is was Grifilde wherfore Petrark writeth This story whiche with high style he enditeth

For lythe a woman was lo pacient
Unto a mortall man/well more we ought
Receyven all in good/that god vs lent
for great lkyll is/he preve that he wrought
But he no tempteth no man that he bought
As lagth laynt Jame/if ye his pylicil rede
he petueth folke but a day it is no drede

Ind fuffrech be as for our exercele with Charpe Courges and aduerlyte

full of ... c beate in londing wofe

Aat fr . co kno we our woll but certes be
Cre's e were borne kne we all our fregite
Ant too our beft is all his gouernaunce
Le bs lyue than in bertuous luffraunce

But o worde harkeneth/lordinges of Jgo Jt were full harde/to fonde no we a dayes Grylides in all a countre/thre of two for if they were put to luche assayes. The golde of hem/hath so bad alayes with bras for though it be farre at eye. It wolde rather brast on two then pipe

for whiche here for the woues loue of Sathe inhole lyfe and fecte mighty god mayntene. In high mailtey or els were it feathe. I will with lufty herte freshe and grene. Say you alonge to glad you I wene. And let be flynte of erneit matere. Herbeneth my longe playth in this manete.

#### TLenuope de Chaucet a les matiets de née temps.

And bothe at ones burped in Jeaple for whiche Jerge in open audpence. No webded man to hardy be to affarte this which pacience in trust to finde Grifildes to; in certayine he thall fayle

O noble woues full of high pubence.
Let none humplite your tonges naple.
Acterno clerke have cause of opligence.
To write of you altory of suche manuagle.
Is of Grissle pacpent and kynde.
Lest Cheuache you swalowe in her entraple.

Foloweth Ecco that holdeth no scilence But euer answerpinge at countertayle Be nat a datted for your innocence But sharply take on you the governayle Enprinteth well that lesson in your mynde for comen profyte sayth it may auaple

pe archewques fondeth at Defence Spn ye be ftronge as is a great Camapie -

## The Monnes prologe.

Re luftre natithat men bo pou offence But falender wpues/as feble in bataple Beth egre as a Epgre is/fer in Inde Be clapping as a mill/I pou counfaple

Ac decorth hem nat/do hem no redetence
for though the hulbande armed be in mayle
The stowes of the crabbed eloquence
shall perfe his breft/and else his auentaple
In relouse I rede ele/that thou him blende
and thou shalte make him couche as a quayle

If thou be fapze there folke ben in prefence she we thou thy bylage and thyn apparagle If thou be foule be fre of thy dispence to get the frendes ape do thy trauaple 28 c ape of chere as light as lefe on lynde Ind let hym care weepe wring and wayle.

Opere endeth the clerkes tale of Orenforde.

This worthy clerke wha ended was his tale out holt laid a lwore by cockes bones are were lever than a barell of ale say which at home had herde this legede ones this is a gentle tale for the nones as to my purpole whith ye my will but thing that will nat be let it be figil.

Chereendeth the wordes of the boil.

There begynneth the None nes prologe.

De mpnpftre and noziffhe buto byces
which of men clepe in english poeinesse
whiche that is pozter of pate of believes
To eschuen a by het contrary hem to oppresse
That is to sapue by lefull buspnesse
well ought we to done all our entent
Lest that the sende with idelness be hent

for he with his thoulande corbes lipe Contonually be mayteth to be clappe

When he may man in yocinelle alpre De can to lyghtly catche him in his crappe of lithat a manibe bent right by the lappe he nys nat ware the fende hath him in hande well ought by werke is yocinelle withflande

And though men diede neuer for to dee
pet le men well/by reason doutles
That ydeldesse rotyn logardipe
Of which there cometh neuer no good encrees
And le that South/ber holden in a lees
Only for to lepe/and eate and drinke
And to deuouren all that other wynke

And for to put be from suche poeinelle
That cause is of so great confusor
I have here done my fapthfull buspnelle
After the legende and translation
Right so thy gloriouse lyfe and pallion
Thou with garlonde wrought of rose of lyfy
The meane I mapbe a martyr laint Cecyly

Ind thou that floure arte of birgens all Of whome that Bernarde/left to well to write To the at my frist beggenning I call Thou comforte of vs wretches/do me endrte Thy mardes dethe/ y wan thorow her mergie The eternall lyfe/and of the fende victory Is men mowe after reds in ber flory

Thou maybe a mother | boughter of the Conne Thou well of mercy [spnfull coules to cure In whome & god of bounte chale for to wonne Thou humble a hygh ouer enery creature Thou noblest fo ferforthe oner nature That no discepne the maker had of kende his sonne in blode a desthe to clothe a wende

Whiche in the clopfter of the bliffull fedes
Toke mannes (hape the eterne love a pees
That of the trene compas loade and gede is
Whome heven a erthe and fee without les
Are herren and thou virgene wemles
Bare of the body a dweldest maple pure
The creatour of every creature

Membled is in the magnyficence with mercy/goodneller and with suche pyte That thou that arte the sowne of excellence Rat only helpest hem that prayeth the

# The Monnes protoc

But often tyme/of thy benpgnite But feely/og that man thyne helpe feche Thou goelt beforne/and acte our foules leche

Aowe helpe thou blef full a meke fapze mapbe De Acmed wetche in this defert of gall Chynke on the woman of Canane that lapde That whelpes eaten/lome of the cromes small That from her lozdes table ben pfall and though that I bnwozthy some of Cue Be synfull/yet accepte my beleue

Ind for that fapth is deed/without werkes so for to worken/peue me wet and space That I be quet from thens that most darke is thou that arte so fagre and full of grace Be men advocate in that hegh place There as withouten ende is longe Dlanne Thou Crestes mother/doughter dere of Anne

Ind of the leght/me foule in pation leght
That troubled is/be the cogetacion
of my body/and also be the weight
of erthic luft/and falle affection
haven of refute/ Caluacion
of hem that ben in lozo we and diffeelle
Rowe helpe/for to me worke I well me drefle

get I pray you that reden that I write
for your methat I do no dyligence
This ilke flory/bullely to endyte
for bothe haue I the wordes a the fentence
Of hym that at the faintes reverence
The flory wrote and followed her legende
And pray you that pe wyll my werke amende

first wolde I pou the name of laint Cecily Expounde/as men may in her Rozy le It is to lay in engly the heuens lylpe for pure chastnes of breggnite Dr for the wornesse had of honesse and grene of conscience/and of good same The lwete lauour life was her name

D: Cecily is to lay the way to blynde
for the encample was by good techying
D: cls Cecily as I written fyinde
Is to yned by a maner contoyinging
Of heuen/and Lya in her fygurying

The he as letter though of holynetics and year for her laftenge bulgneile

Ce dy may che be layd in this manere
in incyng of blyndneile for her great light
Of lapience and for her thewes clere
Or els lo this maybens name bright
of heuen and Leos cometh of whiche by right
when might her well the heuen of people caul
Enlample of good and wyle werkes all

for Leos people/in englische is for to lay And right as men may in the beuen le The louise and mone/a therees every way kight to men gostly in this mapben fre Sawen of fayth the great magnanimpts and else the clerenelle pole of lappence and londry werkes bright of excellence

Ind right lo as these philosophers write That heuen is swell a counde a che brenning Kight so was fayre Cecily the whyte full swell a busy in euery good werking. Ind rounde and hole in good perseuerying and brenning euer in charite full bright. Aowe have I declared you what she vight.

and here after foloweth her tale.

## Che Bornestale.



This mapbe bright cecili as her legeoe to as come of romains a of noble kynde no trom her crabell by folled in the tapth of Criff and bare his golpell in her mynde the neuer crafed as a watten tynde of her player and god to loue and drede clebying hom to kepe her maybenhede

nd when this maybe fulle bute a man wedded be that was tuli of yonge age thicke that yeleped was Zaiceyan nd day was come of her mariage she tuli denoute and humble in her cotage inder her robe of golde that far full represent the there delike yelad her in an heyte

no whyle that the organs made melody so god aboue thus in her herte longe the lorde my body and else my loule gre nwemmed/left I confounded be no for his loue that dred boon the tre user leconde and there day the taft pe byddyng in her orlons tull fall

he nyght came/a to bedde must the gone with her husbande/as it was the manere ub princip the layb to hym anone fwete and welbeloued (pouse dere here and gransple/and pe wyll it here

Whiche that right fapne I wolde to you fep So that ye fwere ye wyll it nat bewrap

Tialerian ganfalt to ber imere
That for no caleine thing that might be
He i hulve neuer to none bewreyen here
And than at eritito hymicago i he
Thave an aungelliwhiche that lougth me
That w great love where is I wake of thepe
Is redy a yearny body for to kepe

And if that he may felen out of diebe

That pe me touche/of love in bylong

De right anone/wyll flee you will the bede

And in your youth thus fhall ye dye

And if that pe in clene lyfe me gye

he wyll you love/ as me/for your clennes

And thewe to you his top a his brightnes

This Tialerian/corrected as god wolds
Infwerde agapne/if I chall trust the
Let me that aungeli fe/and hym beholds
Ind if that it a very aungeli be
Than well I do/as thou hast prayed me
Ind if thou love another man tor lothe
Right withis (worde/ tha well I see you bothe

Cecilp antwerde anone right! in this tople If that poul pit the aungell (bull pe le

#### The Aonnes tale.

So that pe trobe on Grill and you baptyle Bothe forthe to Wis Appra qued fine That fro this town ne landeth but myles thre And to the poore folkes that there dwellen Say hem right as that I hall you tellen

Tell hem that I Cecily/pou to hem fent
To f hewen you good Arban the older
for fectet nedes/and for good entent
And whan that he farnt Arban have beholde
Tell hym the worders that I to you tolde
And whan that he hath purged you from fyrme
Than I hall pe fe the aungell or we twynne

This Talectan/is in to the place gone
And right as he was taught by her lernyng
He fonde this holy man Arban anone
Amonge the fagntes bergels lowtyng
And he anon withouten targeng
Dyd his message/and whan that he it tolde
Tirban for 10p gan his handes by holde

The terrs from his epen lette he fall
Almyghty lozde D Jelu crift quod he
Sower of chast countaple herrde of vs all
The frute of that lede of chast pre
That thou haste lowe in Cecily take to the
Lo lyke a busy bee withouten gyle
The serueth apet thyne owne thiall Cecyle

for that spoule that spe toke but newe full lyke a ferte lyoun/she sendeth here As meke as ever was any lambe to ewe And with that worde/anon there gan apere An olde man/clad in whyte clothes clere That had a boke/with letter of golde in hande And gan before Ualerian for to Gande

Walerian/as beed fell downe for drede
Whan he this olde man lawe Bandeng lo
Whiche ferthwith/anon he herde hym rede
D lorde of all: O feeth: O god withouten mo
O creftendome/and father of all allo
Abouen all and over all every where
Thele wordes all with golde writen were

Whan this was redde than layd this olde man Leuell thou this thong of no lay be of nay I leue all thonge quod malerium for lother thong than this A date thell lay

Tinder heuen/no r thynke map
Tho bantifhed th ... oe må/he ne woll where
Ind pope Tiebe gim eryftened right there

Taleryan go' pe home/and fyndeth Cecily
10 1thin his chamber/bith an aungeil flands
This aungeil had of roles and of tilp
Crownes two/the whiche he bare in hande
Ind first to Cecily/as I buderstande
De yafe that one/and after gan he take
That other to Taleryan her make

With body clene and bnwemmed thought kepeth ape well this crownes quod he fro paradyle to you bem have I brought Ae neuer molt hall they roten be Ae lefe her tweete lauour trufteth me Ae neuer wyght ne thall fe hem with epe But he be chall and hate bilonye

Ind thou Calerian for thou to fone
Islentest to goddes countagle also
Say what plyst thou that have the bone
Ihave a brother squod Calerian tho
That in this worlde I love no man to
I pray you that mp brother may have grace
To knowe the trouth as I bo in this place

The aungell layd god lyketh thy request
Ind bothe with the palme of marty dome
yel hull come in to his bly full text
Ind with y worde Tiburce his brother come
Ind whan that he the lauour undernome
Whiche that roles and the lilyes caste
Within his herre he gan to wonder faste

Ind layd I wonder this tyme of the pere which have that this were landur cometh to Of toles and of lifes that I finell bere for though I had been in my bandes two The landur myght in me no depper go The lwete lmell that in my bette I fynde hath chaunged me all in another bynde

Alalerian laph/two crownes have we showe where a tole reed/flyneth clere whiche that there epen have no might to le and as thou lineiles thorough mp prayers of hale thou le hem leve brather dere

#### The Bonnes talk

tele be their wethenten flouthe

burne and werbe/layed thou this to me
formed of in Dreme/ I becken this
intermes anot Elalerian have we be
sto this tyme/brother man ywas
stooke at exil/our dwelling in trouth is
not wook thou this of tiburce/ in what wale
not Elalerian/that [hall I the deuple

be angell of god/ bath me f trouth plaught hithe thou that le/if thou walte renep be poolles and be clene/ and els naught in of the maracle of thele crownes twep aput Ambrole in his preface inft for to lep olemputy/this noble boctour Dete imendeth it/and lapth in this manere

be palme of marty dome for to receyue
aput Cecily fulfylled of goddes pefte
be worlde a eke her chambre gan the wepue
penelle Cecily and Tyburees thrifte
o whiche god of his bounte wolde thyfte
cownes two of dources twee imellying
ab made his aungell hem the crownes bring

be maybe hath brought bem to blyffe aboue be worlde hath well by it is worthy certeyn enotion and chaffyte/well for to lone both who be bem Cecily all open and pleyn bat all ybols ben but a theng in been they be defe to charged hym his ybols for to lefe

holo that troweth nat this a beeft he is not the Thurcerif I hall nat the to be gan kyle his brett/that herbe this to was full glad he kouthe trouth alpye his day I take the formyne alpeapo this bleffed fapre mayben bete dafter that the lapb/as pe mome here

piright lo as the ione of Cryft quob (be hade me the brothers wyfe, right i this wyfe ion for myn alpe here take I the yn that thou wylt, thene yous bileple to make the clene io that thou may beholde that aungels face, whiche the brother of tolde

Me thanketh that it mere y mouvee preve monot the Ciprice why Argerian To Meyou of sportes why Argerian Dong the feve pure the bobe Arpan Dong the feve pure to the pobe Arpan Litt tell ine mphether I chall's to mhat man I irit tell ine mphether I chall's to mhat man

Ac meane pe nat Arban/quod he tho That is to ofte dampned to be deed and wonneth in halbes/alway to and fro and bare nat ones put forth his beed Afte were founde/if men might hym alpy and we also to beare hym company

And whyle we leken that dyningte Chat is hyd in henen princty
Algate brent in this worlde I hall we be To whome Cecily answerde boldely
Alen myght drede well and sayifully
This lyfe to lote/myn owne dere brother
Afthis were lynying onely/4 none other

But there is better lyfe in other place
That never fhall be lokine diede the nought
Which godd fonne bs tolde thorow his grace
That tachers fonne/hath all thying wrought
and all p wrought is walkyltull thought
The ghooft that from the fader gan procede
hath louled hym without any drede

By worde and by myracle be goddes fonne whan he was in this worlde veclared here That there is other lyfe there men may wonne No whome answerde Tphurce of suffer bere Ac lay best thou right nowe in this manere. There has but o god torde in sothfastnesse. Ind nowe of thre how mays & bere writesse.

That [ hall ] tell quod [ he o; that ] go is put as a man hath saptences the is perior to the intellect also have not present the intellect also have persones may there explit well be tho gan [ he there full busply hym preche of Crites sonne/ a of his paynes teche.

And many poyntes of his pallyon Howe goddes fon in this worlde was wholde

#### The Romes tale.

To bo manapade playes cemiliyon
That ben bounds in lymnes and cares colds
Authole thenges (the bato Tebucce tolds
And after this Tebucce in good entent
With Unicepan/to pope Alchan went

That thanked god/& with glad herte a lyght he criftened hym/a made hym in that place parfre in his le rnyng goddes knyght and after this Tiburce gate luche grace That every day/he lawe in tyme and space The aungell of god/& every maner bone That he god alked/it was sped full sone

It were full hardelby order for to lapne
Howe many wonders | Jelu for him wrought
But at last to tell hort and playne
The lergeauntes of the towne hem lought
Ind hem before Almache the prefect brought
Whiche hem apposed a knewe all her entent
And to the pinage of Jubyter hem lent

Ind lapd/who to well do no lacrifyle Swap of his heed/this is my lentence here Inone these martys/that I pou deuple One Marymus/that was an officere Of the prefectes/and his councelere hem hente/and the lapntes forthe ladde hem lefte he wepte/for pyte that he had

Whan Maximus/had herde the layntes loze
De gate hym of the tourmentours leue
And had hem to his house withouten moze
And with heppiechyng/oz it were eue
They gan fro the turmentours foz to reue
And fro Maryme/& fro his folke echone
The falle laythe/to trowe in god alone

Cecily came/whan it was work nyght with preeftes of hem crystened all in fere and afterwarde whan day was woren lyght Cecily sayd hem with a full stediast there howe Crystes owne knightes left a dece Cast all away the werkes of decknesses and arms you with arms of brightnesses.

pe haue for fothe pon a great bataple pour courte is bone pour fapth hath you coler. Soth to perowne of lyfe p may nat fapte (ueb The rightfull Juge whiche pe haue ferued Shall yeur it por chaue it beferued
Ind whan this t' ag was lapbe as I beuple
Den labbe her copty to bo facepfyle

But whan they were to the place phrought To tellen (), butly the conclusion They noise encence, ne lacriffle right nought But on her knees letten hem aboun With humble herterand (ab benotionn And losten bothe her heedes in the place her loules went to the king of grace

This Maximus, that lawe this thying bety be with pyrous teares, tolde it anon right. That he her foules lawe to heven give with aungels, full of clevenelle and lyghe. And with his worde converted many a wyght for whiche Almachius, by diffin to to bete. With whyppes of leade, tyll he his life gan lete.

Cecily hym toke/and burped him anone By Cyburce and Malerian forthly Within her burpeng place budes the flome And after this Almachius halfely Bad his impuriters fetchen openly Cecily/fo that f he impate in his prefence Do facrifyle/and Jubyter encence

But they converted at her wyle lose Wepten full lose and pafe full credence Unto her worde and cryden mose and more Eryll godden lonne, whiche without differed Is very god this is our lentence That hath a lecuaunt lo god him to lecue This wo doyce we trowen though we therus

Almachius/that berde of this doyinge Bad fetche Ceculp/that he myght her fe And alderfyzit/this was his at kyinge what maner woman arte thou quod he am a gentyl woman bozne quod f he aske the quod be/though it the greue of thy relygion and of thy beleue

Why than began pe pour quest pon foldy Duod the that wolve two answers conclude In one demaunde pe alked lewolp. Almache answerde to that symplycude of whence cometh thyne answere so rude

# The Ronnestals.

f tobtace cultie/when that the was feeyned feedlesence/and of good fayth bufayned

imachtus (apo/ne trkeit thou no bebe
if mp power/a (be answerve him this
nut might quod (be/is full letell to diebe
ag enery moztall mannes power nes
int leke a blabber/full of wende pwes
or with a nevels poente/whan it is blowe
and all the boffe of it/be lapbe full lowe—

and don all daktelt be mall it cents
int it that he his craften pour mithes
the communes and maps orbitamics
that energy craften middel pall have benance
th

our princes erren/as your nobley bothe hoo the Cecile/in a wobe lentence make be gpity/and it is nat lothe or ye that knowen well our innocence or as motheras we bo age reuerence to Cryft/and for we beare a criften name of put on be a cryme and eke a blame

out we that knowen that name to
out bettious/we may it nat withley
Amache answerderchele one of thele two
sofactiffle/out crystendome renep
that thou mowe escape by that wey
it whiche worder this holy dipstull maybe
san for to laugh/and to the Juge sape

D Juge confuled in thy nycete
optie thou that I renpe innocence
Lo make me a wycked wight quod the
lothe diffymuleth here in audpence
be flareth and wodeth in his aduertence
Lo whome Almache lapdio fely wretche
be woft & nat/howe fer my might may freetch

Bue nat our imposty princes peten
To me/ bothe power and auctorite
To make falke bothe open and lytten
thy (peken thou than to proubly to me
[[pekenanght/ but flebfaftly quob ( be
hatproubly/far ] [ay as for my (you
be haten beebly that bice of pribe

And if thou die to nat a lothe for to beer the myght of the way the nate of the first of the fir

But thou mayle (ap/thy princes have & maked Appreter of beth/for if thou speke of mo Chou spek/for the power is full naked Bowap thy bolonelle/lapd Almache tho And do lacrifyle to our goddes or thou go I ceche nat what wronge thou me profer for I can suffer as can a philosopher

But that wronges may I nat enduce
That thou spekest of our goddes here quod he
Decily answer/o nyce creature
Thou saydest no worde/spth & spakest to me
That I ne knewe/therwith thy nycite
Ind that thou were/in every maner wyse
I sewde officer/and a bapne intyle

There lacketh nothing of thene bitter epen 28 ut thou arte blynde for theng that we fe all That is a frone that men mowe well afpen That ilke frone a god thou welt it call I tede the let thene hande beon it fall and tafte it well a frone thou halt it fynde son y thou ceel nat/with thene epen blynde

It is a Chame/that the people Chall
So Choine the/a laugh at the folgo
for comenly/men wore it well over all
That myghte god is in his hevens the
And there emages/well thou mapelt alpes
To the ne to hem felte/map do no profete
for in effecte/they be nat worthe a mete

This and luche other wordes lapd the And he wart wroth a bad men thulde her lede some bottel her house and her house quod he Brenne her in a bath of dames rede And as he bad right to was it do in debe for in a bathe they gon her fast thetten And neght and day the they bader beten

The longe neght/and the the bar alfo for all the fepe/and the the great bets

## The prologe of the chanons yeman

To flee her in the Bathe/histonde to her fent

The frokes in the necke/he linote her tho
The tourmentour/but for no maner chaunce
the might nat fingte her necke a two
and for there was that tyme an ordinance
That no man shuld be to no plon such penauce
The fourth stroke to singten/toke as lore
This tour mentour/ne duest do no more

But halfe deed/with her necke cozuen there
De lefte her lye/and on his wey is went
The crysten folke/ whiche that about her were
With shees have the blode up hent
The dayes lyued she in this tourment
And neuer ceased/hem the fayth to teche
That she had fosteed hem/she gan to preche

Ind hem the pafe her mouables a her thyng Ind to pope Arban betoke hem tho Ind tayo! I alked this of heuen kyng. To have respectethe dayes and no mo To recomende to you/oz that I go These soules to/and that I may oo wysche here of my house/perpetually a chysche

Dapnt Arban/with his dekens princly
The body fet/and buryed it by nyght
Amonge his other faintes honeftly
Der houle/the chyrche offarnt Cecily hight
Dapnt Arban halowed it/as he well might
In whiche in to this day/in noble wyfe
Den do to Criff/and to his farntes feruyfe.

and here begynneth the prologe of the chanons yeman.

Di we' .. ty oben fully fyue mple Be Br alito bnoet bie bs gan a tabe I man that r other was in clothes blake and bnoer lethibe ware a whote furpipce b) is hacke .ep whiche was of pometi grace Do wette beithat wonder was to le It timed that be had pricked mples thre Aboute the pepteell ftobe the fome full bye De was of tome as flecked as a pre The hackeney ekelthat his reman tobe bpon So (wette that bineth mpghe be gon A male twpforoc bpon his cropen lap It lenico that be carred lytell aray All legit for Comer/code this worth man Ino in mpne hette to wonder I began What that he was toll that I biocettode Howe that ins cloke was lowed to his hobe for whiche whan I had longe aupled me demed apmilome chanon fo: to be Dishatte benge at his backe bowne by a lace for he had ty boen more than trotte or pace the rode ape prickping as he were wode I clote leafe he had lapte bpon his bobe for fwore and for to kepe his beed to belte But u was top for to fe bem (weate 1) is forbeed propped as a fivilator were full of plantepn or of Wertedip And whan he was come be gan crp God laue quod be this toly company fall haue & pucked quod he fo: pour labs Bycaule that I wolde you ouer take To tyben in this mety company Dis yeman was ebe full of curtely And lapd fris nowe in this mojowe troe Out of pour hofterp Tlame pourpoe . Ind warned here my loide and fouerarn Whiche that to trden with you is full farme for his disporte be loueth dalgaunce ficed for the warning god yeur o good chauce Than lapb our book certagne it woloc feme The loade were wele to I may well beme De la full tocunde allo bate Tlep Can be ought tell a merp tale or ther with whiche be glad may this companie who (p; mp loide pe (p; withouten lee He can of mpathe and che of solpte Aat but prowe allo (p) trufteth me And pe him bnewe as well as Do & re wolde wonder howe well and craftely

sthe lpfe of Capnt Certle

#### The prologe of the chanons yeman.

Decembe tortherend that in londy tople bathe were full batherfor any that is bere To bringe aboute but they of him it lete Is bemeip as he upbeth amonges pou If he pim pueme in moine pe las bone brom pe molde nat forgene bie acquepntamee for myhell good | Dare lay en balaunce Ill that I bene m my policition Se is a man of bigh bacrection warne you be is a pallyng wyle man Well or our book ] pray the tell me then Is be a clerke of mone tell me what be is I clerke may nay /be is greter tha a clerk y tops hapt this penian and in waltes feme Holl 3 of his crafte Commbat well I (bewe py/mp lozbe can luche a lubtile But all his craft pe map nat wete of me fo; all the grounde to Caunterbury towne De coude all clene tourne bp lo do wne And paue it all with spluce and with goide Ind whan this reman bath thus tolde ainto our bolt belapt benebicite This thenge is wonder merueplous to me syn that the loade is of fo head pubence Breaule of whiche f bulbe men bun reuerence That of his worldpp/ tecketh be lo lyte Dis ouereft (loppe/is nat worthe a mpte Is in effecte to bpm lo mote I go It is all baudy and to tope allo 10by 18 thy loade lo flutty lbel I the picp and of power is better clothe to bey If that his bede accorde with his Cocche Well me that and that I the befeche 10hp quod this peman wherto alke pe of me God helpe me lo for hel hall never the But I well nat auowe that I fap 3nb therfoze kepe it lecrete 3 pou pap De is to wple in farthe as I beleue That is ouer boilt well never preue And right as derkes layne it is a bice Wheefore in that I bolde him lewde a noce for whan a man bath ouer great a wet full ofte it bappeth him to mple ble it to both mp lozde/a that me greueth loze God it amende/ I can lay no mose There ze no force good peman q our holte on of the connying of thy loade thou botts Tell bothe be bothe tell on no we harbely byn that be is loctafty and lolly

10here Divell per if it to tell be In the lubbarbes of a towne quob he Lurapng in hermes/and in lanes blynbe 10het as thele robbess / thele theues by kynde moiden ber fratfull pamy refpbence Is they that bare nat ( he we ber prefence so face weld we Chall lay the lothe Aome quot our bolt let me talke tothe Why arte thou to discoloured in the face Beter quod beigod pene it harde grace am lo bled the bote free to blowe That it bath chaunged mp colour I trows am net wont in no mparout to pap But Copnke loze and letne to multiply We bloundzen euer/and pozen in the fyze And for all that we faplen of our belyze for ener we lacke out conclution To mpkle folke we do illusion And bozowe golde be it a pounde or two D; ten o; twelue o; many lomes mo And make bem wene at lefte way That of a pounde/we coude make twap It is falle and ape we have good hope It for to bo and after it we grope But that science is so facte be beforne we mowed natiall though we had it (wome It ouer take it flyte away fo fafte It well be make beggere at lafte 10 hyle this yeman was thus in his talking This chanon brewe him netel therbe al theng Whiche this reman spake/for suspection Df mennes (peche/ euer bab this chanon for Caton lapth/be that gpltp is Demeth all thing to be spoken offirm props That was the caule the gan lo nigh brawe To this pemanito berken all his lawe Ind thus be lapbito bis peman tho Holde thou thy peace /a fpeke no wordes mo for if thou Do thou f balte it dere abpe Thou (klaundzelt me/bere in this comment and the discourtest that thou shuldest by de pe quod our book/tell on what (o betpoe Of all his thretping tecke thou nat a mpte In farth quod beino moze I bo but lyte and whan this chanon lawe it wolde nat be But that his pernan wolde tell his priupte He ded away for very lozowe and Chame I ha quod the peman/here [ hall rple a gams All that I can/anone I woll poutell som he is gone the foule fende bim quell

# The tale of the chanons yeman.

for neuer here after/wyll I with him mete
for peny ne for pounde/I you behete
he that me first brought to that game
Or that he dye/lorowe have he and Chame
for it is ernest to me by my fayth
That fele I well/what that any man sayth
Ind yet for all my smette/and all my grefe
for all my sorowe/labour/and mischefe
I coude neuer leave it in no wyse
Aowe wolde to god/my wyt might suffyse
To tellen all that longeth to that arte

But natheleffer pll I tell a parte pn that mp! De is gone I well nat space Suche thing is I knowe I well beclare,

Checembeth the prologe of the chanons reman/and here foloweth his tale.

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Ith this chanon I dwelled feuen pere
W Ind of his science am I neuer the nere
All that I had I have lost thereby
Ind god wote so have mo than I
There as I was wont to be right fresh i gay
Of clothinge and of other good aray
Rowe may I were an hole upon my heed
and where my colour was bothe freshe i reed
And where my colour was bothe freshe i reed
Rowe it is wanne and of a leden hews
Who so it pseth/fore shall he rewe
Ind of my swinke/pblent is myn epe
Lo suche auauntage sit is to multiplye
That spring science/hath made me so bare
That I have no good where that ever I fare
Ind yet I am endetted so sore thereby
Of golde that I borowed trewly

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That whyle I lyne If hall it quite neuer Let cuery man bewate by me for euer Abbat maner man that calleth him therto The contynue I bolde bis thufte poo for helpe me god therby Chall he nat wynne But enpepie his purfe a make his wet thenne Ind whan be through his madnelle & foly Dath loft his owne good through respardy Than he erciteth other folke therto To lefe their good as be him felfe bath do for unto wretches love it is and cale To have their felowes in payne & Difeale for thus was I ones lerned of a clerke Of that no charge | well fpeke of our werke Whan we be there as we fhall erereple Dur elupilbe crafte be feme wonde wple

# The tale of the chanons yeman.

Dur termes ben le cleverall a le quernte I blome the lype tyll my bette feynte ibbactbutoe I tell eche proposcyon Of thenges whiche we worke beon Is on fpue o; (pre baces may well be Of tower or forme other quantite And bulp me to tell pour the names . Of Depement/beent bones/tron fquames That in to powder! grounde be full finall And in an erthen potte/howe put is all And falte petyziand alfo papyze Byforne thele powders that I fpeke of here 3nd well provered with a lampe of glas And of moche other thyng whiche p there was And of the pottes and glades enlutying That of the epzelmight palle out nothing and of the fyre ealp/and (mett allo Whiche that was made to the care and wo That we had in our maters fublymyng And in amalgaming and calcening Of quidpluer clepeo Dercurp crube for all our flyghtes we can nat conclude Dur opement and fublymed mercury Dur grounden lptarge eke on the perfury Of eche of hem of buces a cettapne Aat helpeth bs our laboure is in bayne Ind the our logattes alcencioun Ac our maters that Ipen all fire aboun Day in our working nothinge auaple fo: loft is all our laboure and trauaple and all the coft a twenty byuell way Is lost also whiche we on it lap for there is also full many another thyng That is to our crafte appertagning Though I by 02020 them reberte ne can Bycanfe that I am a lewde man pet well I tell bem as they come to menbe Though I ne can nat lette bem in ber kynde As bole armonyache beerdentece bozas And fonder belleiles made of erthe and glas Dut bimales and our bicentones Tioles croffolettes and fublpmatories Conturbitees and alembykes eke and other luche bere prough a leke Mat nebeth it to reberce bem all Waters/ cubpfreng/and bulles gall Attempte Call armonpate and bumfone 3nd becbes eke/coude I tell many one As egrpmonpne balerian and lunary And other Cucheful that me left to tary

Our lampes beinne night and dap To bringe aboute out crafte/if p the map Dur furneps che of calcinacious 3nd of waters albifpcacioun unil eclyd lpme/chalke/alepze of an epe Doubres bpuers allbes Donge pplie tepe Secred pottes/falte pety/opticiole and opuers fres made of woode & cole Sall tarty; alcoip and Call preparate 3nd combutte maters and coaquiate Cley made w hoxle bonge/manes heer of ople Dftartre alymiglaffe berme worte a argule Rofealgar and other maters enbibynge And che of our maters encopporinge And of our fpluer cytepnacion Out lementynge and allo fermentacyon Dur ingottes teltes and many mo well you tell as me was taught alfo The. !!! Lpitites and the bodyes feuen 13 p 02020/as Therde my lozde neuen The fyalt (ppatte quicipluer cleped is The leconde Dependent the thyede pwps Sal armonyak and the fourth bumitone The bodyes leupn loke bem bere anone Sole golde is and Luna lyluer we threpe Mars yen Mercury quiciluct we depe Saturnus leade and Jubiter is tyn And thenus coper by mp faber byn This curled crafte who well exercple De Chall no good baue phim may futfple Totall the good be spendeth there about We lefe ( hall) therof haue I no boute Who lo that lyfteth/btter bis folge Lethim come forth/ letne to multiple Ino euery man /p bath aught in bis cofer Let him apereland were a phylolopher Dieeft of chanonios any other wyght Though he fpt at his boke | bay ano nyght In letnyng of this elupilbe mece loze Ill is in bayne and parde mochpil moze Is to letne a lewde man this lubtylte fre locke not therof it well nat be 3nd can be lettruce of can be none Is in effecte/bel ball fonde it all one fo; bothe two/by mp fauacion Concluben in multpplicacion All lpche well whan thep have all pho This is to lapithey faplen bothe two pet foggate I to make reperlaple Di waters corolpte and of imaple

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# The tale of the chanons pemar

And of bodyes mollification 3nd allo of ber enburacion Oples ablactons metall fulible To tell pou allitt wolde palle any bible Chat o where is therfoze as for the bell of thefe names no we woll I me reft for as I trome/ baue tolbe pnowe To reple a fende / all toke he neuer fo rome I narilet be the philolophers Con Elicer we clepen weleken fall echon for had we hom I than were we liker phowe But bnto god of heuen I make auome for all our crafte whan we have all poo and all our flerabtibe will nat come be to De hath made be (pende moche good forlozowe therofalmolt we weren wood But that good bope crepeth in our berte Suppolping euer though we loze Imerte To be releuch by bym afterwarde Suche Supposping and hope is sharpe a harbe I warne pou wellit is to leken euer That future temps bath mabe men biffeuer In truft therofall that cuer they had pet of that arter they konne nat were lab for boto bem it is a better (wete to Cemeth it/foz ne bab they but a [bete Whiche that mpght wrappen bem pnne a mpght Ind a bratte to walken prine by Day lyght They wolde it felle and fpende it in this crafte They can nat ftynte tell notheng be lafte and euer mozerwhere euer that they gon Den may bem benne/by (mell of baymiton for all the worlde they flynkyn/ as a gote Det lauout is lo tammplihe and lo bote That though a man! a mple from bem be The lauour moibe enfecte bem trufteth me Loithus by (mellyng) and threbare arap If that men lyllithele folke knowe they map Ind if a man woll are bem priuch Why they be clothed to buthapftely Ryabt anone they woll count in his ere Indiapen of that they alpred were Men wolve hem del by caule of ber leience Lothus thefe folke betrapen innocence Palle ouer this! I go my tale buto Cre that the pot be on the fpze poo Ind metalles/a certaph quantite Apploide bem tempzeth and no man but be Home is he gon I bare far botoetp for as men fap! be can bo craftely

be bath fuche a name Algate 7 wot Ind pet full r . be tenneth in the blame Ind wptep gowel full ofte it fareth fo The potte ozeketh and farewell all is bo The met les ben of lo great biolence Our walles mowe nat make bem refiftence 28 ut if they were wought of lyme and fione Thep perfenfor and throwe the wall thep gone And fome of hem fynke bowne in to the groude Thus have we loft by tyme many a pounde And Come at [katered all the flour aboute Some lepen in to the rofe withouten boute Though that o fendel our light bom nat fbe we I trome that he with be be ! that place the me In bell where be is lorde and fire Reis there moje woine rancour ne Tre Whan that our pot is broken as I haue lapb Querp man chpt/and holoeth hpm cupil apapo Some lapo it was of the fpre makyng Some lapo naplit was of the blowing Than was I ferbe for that was mpn office Strame quot the thribe | pe be leube a npce It was nattempred as it ought to be Aap quod the fourthe finte a berbeneth me Bycaule our frie was nat made with beche What ig the cause and other none sithethe T cannat tell where on it was a longe But well I mote great ftepfe is be amonge iphat quod my lorde there is no more to boy Of these parilles 7 well beware eftelon am ryaht liker that the pot wascraled Be as be map be pe nat amaled As blage is let [wepe the flour fwithe Plucke by your bettesiand be glad and blitte The mulloke on an hepe (weped was Ind on the flour cafte a canuas And all the mulloke in a speepthowe Ind lifted and piked many a throwe Darbe quot one fom what of our metall pet 19 there bere though we have nat all Ind though this thrng impleapped bath as Inother tyme it may be well pro be (nome the must put our good in aduenture I marchaunt parbe map nat are endure Truftert me weil in bis profperite Somtyme his goodes ben Dienched in thelee Ind Comtome it cometh laufe bato lande Deace of my lost the nette tyme I myll fonde Cobiping our crafte all in another place Jab but Too fire let me baue the wete A.4

# The tale of the chanons reman-

There was a befaute in form what well I wote I nother lapo / the fyre was over hote But be it bote of colde | Dace lap this That we concluden euer moze amps We faplen al map of that we wolden have And in our madnelle: suermote we caus Ind when we be tograter euerpebon Cuery man lemeth i as wple as salomon But all thengy whiche that Theneth as golde It is no golde as I have berde tolde Ae cuety appyll that is tapze at epe Aps nat good what lo we chappe of cite Brabt foit faceth among bs De that femeth wpfelt bp i wete Telus Is molte fole! when it cometh to the prefe Ind bethat femeth trueft is a thete That Chall pe knowe og that I from pou wende Be that mp tale be tolde bnto an ende There was a chanon of religion Imong bs | wold enfecte all a toun Though it were as great as was Arnive Rome Alpfaunder Trope of other thre Dis depattes and big infinit fallenelle Ac coube no man toppten as I geffe Though that he mpght lpue a thoulande pere In all the worlde of fallenelle nes bis pere for in his termes be well hom to wende Indipeke bis wozdes in lo ilpip konde Whan he comen Chall with any weath That he woll make bom Dote anone trott But it a fende be ag hpm felfe is full many a man bath be begpleb ere this and woll if that be frue man a whole 3nd pet men tyde and gone many a mple Bom for to leke and have his acquepntaunce Aat knowing of histalle gouernaunce Ind if pelpfteto peue me audience wpil it tell bere in pour prefence But worthy pfull chanons teligrous Ae Demeth natithat I iclaunder pour bous 311 though my tale of a chanon be Of euerp orbre Come Chre the is parte As god forbebe that all a company Shuide reme afpnquier mannes foly Co Claunder pou is nothing min entent But to correcte that is mps went This tale was not oneip tolde for pour But eke for other mo i pe wor well how That among Christes aposties recine There was no traptour but Judas bym leiue

Than why shulve the remensunt have a blame That gylcielle wereiby you I say the same Saue onely this/if pe wyll herken me If any Judas in your covent be Remeueth hym betymes/I you rede It shame of losse may causen any drede Ind be nothing displeased! I you pray But in this case/herken what I say.

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A London was a preift annuelere That therin bed o welte many a pere inhiche was to plefaunt and to tecutable Minto the wofer where as be was at table That the wolde fuffre bym nothing to pap fo; boide ne clothping wente he neuer lo gap Indfpendeng filueribab be tegbe pnome Therof no force in plefaunce went his plowe But for to tell you forthe of this chanon That brought this preed to confulion This falle chanon came bpon a Day Unto the preftes chambre/ where he lay Belechyng hymito lene hym a certayn Df golde and be wolde qupte bpm agapn Lene me a marke quod beibut bapes thie It my bap I wpil launs fayle quyte it the Ind if (o be thou fynde me than fals Inother bay bange me by the bals This preced hom toke a marke i a that as libithe Ind this chanon hom thanked ofte lithe Ind toke his leve and went forthe bis way And at thirde day brought his money And to this precet be toke this golde agapu 10herof this piece was wonder glad & fapn Certeg quob be nothping anopeth me To lene a man an noble of two of thre D) what thrng were in mp pollellion Whan be is fo true of condicion That in no wple/be breke wpllbis bap Toluche a man I can natlap nap 10 hat qo this chanon (bulde 3 be butte be Aap that were a thong fallen of newe Trouthe is a thong that I woll cuer kepe In to that day in whiche I Chall crepe In to mp grave los els Chailt forbede Belpueth this ias liker as the crebe God I thanke and in good tyme be it lapte That there nas neuer man pet eupli pappe for golde ne liluerithat be me lente Re neuer fall bebeimmp bette Imente and fit quod be no we of mp pamete

# The tale of the chanons peme

spn pe lo good lpche baue be to me 3nd kpoeth to me fo great gentpinelle Sommbat to gupte with your kyndenelle I woll you thewelf that pelpft bere well you teache plener the matere Dowe I can worken in philosophre Take good bede pe fhull well feyn at epe That I well a mailter boot I go pelit quob the preeft and woll pelo Mary therof I pray you hertely At your commaundement/fir truly Quod the chanon/and els Chailt fozbebe Lo bowethisthefe coupe his feruple bebe full lothe it is that luche profred leruile Stynketh/as witheffeth the olde wple and that erabt fone | I woll it bertip In this chanon / rote of all trecherp That euer moze belpte bath and gladnelle Suche fendly thoughtes in his herte imprelle Dowe chaiftes people he map to milchife bayng God kepe be from his falle dillimulping Aought wpft this preeft with whom phe Delte Ae of bis barme compng nothping be felte O (elp preeft / o (elp innocent with couetple anone thou Chalbe blent araceleffel full blende is the concept Aothring arte thou wate of his bifcept mbiche that this fore Chapen hath to the Dis wple bis wzenches thou maid nat de 1bherfoze to go to the conclusion That teferreth to the confusion Inhappy man/anone I well me bye To tellen then bower and the folge Ind the the fallenelle of that other watthe As ferforthe as mp compng woll fretche This chanon was my loade pe wolde wene Sir hoft in fepth and by heuens quene It was another chanon and nat he That can an bundzed folde moze subtilte De hath betraped folke many a tyme Of bisfalleneffe! tt Dweileth me to rpme Cuer whan Toeke of bis fallebebe for Chame of bpm/me chekes weren tebe Algates ther begrinen for to glowe for trebnelle baue I non! rpghe well I knowe In mp bilage/foz fumes biuerce Of metall whiche pe haur berbeme ceherce Confumed and walted hath me ceebnelle Aowe taketh bebe of this chanons cuttebnette Str quod be to the preeft lette pour man gon

for gupcfilu it we babbe it anon And let bem .. png bnces two or thre and whan ie cometh as fall pe fbullfe A wonder dyng whiche pelaweneuer or this Dir quio the preed it (balbe bo props Se bab uisferuaunt fet bem this theng Ind be alceby was at his bybopng Ind went hom forthe and came anon agaphe With this gupdiluet (boatly for to fepne 3nb toke the bnces thee to the chanon Ind he hem lepbe well and fayze aboun Ind bab the feruaunt coles for to bena That he anone mpatt go to bis workping The coles reght anone were pfet Ind this chanen toke out a croffelet Of his bolom/and thembe it to the preft This infrument of be whiche that thou feed Take in the bande, and put the leffe theren Di this queclituer an buce and begen In the name of chailt to mere a philosopher. There be full fewel whiche I moibe it profet To the we bem thus mothe of mp ference for berelbull pe le by erperience That this gupapluer I woll mortifue Rught in pour leght anone withouten le And make it as good filuer and as fra 3s there is any in pour purico: mp Di els where and make it mallpable Ind cle bolbe me fals and buffable Imonge folke for cuer to apere I haue a poubre that cofte me bere Shall make all good for it is caufe of all De conneng whiche I rou thewe that! Morbeth pour man and let bom be wethout And lupt the bose whiles we be there about Our pituite that no man be alpp iphiles that we worke in this phylolophy Ill as be bad fulfplied was in Debe This pike feruaunt anone out rede 3nd his marfter fort the Dozes anone Ind to ber labour (pedelp they gone This preeft at this curfet chanons brobeng alpon the fpiel regbt anon let this theng Ind ble we the free and bufted bem full fall Inb this chanon in to the croffelet caft I pouble nat I neuer where of it was pmade of chalke , or of erthe or of glas D: fommbat efs / was nat monte a fire To bipnbe with this pireft and bao bym bpe The coles fo; to couchyn all about

#### The tale of the chancus reman.

For in tokening that I the love Queb this chanon then banbes the Shall worke all throughhat bere foot be be Graunt mercy of the preetis was right glab Ind couched the coles as the chanon bab And whyle be buly was this fpubely wretche This falle chanonithe foule fende bym ferche Dut of bis bolomitoke a bechen tole In whichefull fubrilly was made an hole Ind therin was put of lituer ipmaple In buceland Ropped was withouten farle The bole with mere / to kepe the hmapil pri Ind baderftanbeth that this falle apa Thas nat mabe there but it was mabe befoze Ind other thynges that I poutell Chall more Dere after whiche that be with hom brought Et be cam there bem to beaple be thought 3110 (o be opbelo; that thep pede at topnie Tpil be had terned bym be coube nat tropnne It bulleth me whan that I of hom fpeke Di his fallebebe farh wolde I me wiche If I wyst bowe but he is here and there De 18 fo bariaunt he abybert no where But taketh bebelies for gobbes loue De toke his cole of whiche I fpakeaboue Ind in bis hande be bare it priuely and whyles this preed couched buiely The coleg as T pou tolbe oz this This chanon laybe frembe pe bo amps This is nat couched as it ought to be But fone I fhall amenden it quod be Aowe let me medic therwith but a whyle for of you I baue pyte by faynt Bple pe be tratt hote I fe home pe fmete Baue here a clothe and toppe a map the mete Ind whiles the preeft wpped his face This chanon toke his cole with losp grace And lepbe it about bpon the mpd warde Of the croffelet and blewe well afterwarde Tplithat the coles | gan fast to beenne A owe year be drynke quod the chanon thanne Is Cwpther all Chalbe well I bubertake Spt me bomne and let be mery make And whan that this chanen his bechyn cole B) ab brought and the ipmapil out of the bols In to the croffelet it fell anone boun And to it must neves by reafon Son atlocuen about couched mas But therof myt the prect no throng ales he bamen all the coles liche good

for of the apatt be nothing baberlod and when this alkampftre fame his tome Byle by fir preed be fand anone a france by me 3nb for T wote well pagot baue pe none Sothe walketh forthe a byrngeth a chalkettone for I well make of it the lame Chappe That au prigot is! if it map happe And biping the with you a bolle of a panne full of water/and pe full well fe thanne so we that our buspneile shall thepue a preus Ind per for pe (hall have no mpf beleue Ae woong concept of melin pour abience I woll nat be out of pour prefence But go with pouland come with you agayn othe chambre bose (bostly for to layn They opened and (bpt/and went her way Ind forthe with bem thep toke the kep And comen apen without any delay What shuide I tarp all the long dap Be toke the chalke and (boppe it in wple of an pagot / as I (ball pou beuple Tap be toke out of his owne fleue Arepne of (ther eupilmote be cheue Whiche that ne was but an buce of werght And taketh bede nowel of his curled depatt De thop his praction length and in brede Of this tepn withouten any biebe So a pathly that the preeff it nat aspyde Indin bis fleue agapu be gan it by De Ind from the fyze he toke bp the matere And in the progot be put it with mery chet. 3nd in to the water beffell be it caft Whan that hom loft and bad the piceft as fall Loke what there is put in the handes grope Chou fhalt fende there lituer as I hope What druell of hell (bulde it els be bauping of (ilutt) (ilutt is (it parte De put his bande in and toke bp a tepne Of (pluer fpne and glad in eyerp bepne Bipthe was this picel when be fame it mas fo Goddes bleaping and his moders allo Int all balowes baue peftr chanon Sayb this preeft and I ber malifon But and pe bouchefaufe to teache it me This noble crafte and this lubilite I well be pour man in all that ever I map Quod this chanon/pet woll I make alap The feconde tyme that pe mome take bebe and be expect in this at your nebe Inother day affay in myn shlence

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# The tale of the chanons per

This bilcipline and this craft Ccience Let take another bnce quob berbo Df quicftluer without wordes mo And Do ther with las pe haue bo or this with that other/whiche that nowellher is The preeft hom bulpeth all that ever be can To bo as this chanon this curied man Comaunded bem and falt blewe the fore for to come to the effecte of his befrie and this chanonierght in this meane whyle Il repp was this preeft for to beaple Ind for countenaunce! in his bande bace In bolowe fiche take kepe and beware In the ende of whiche | an buce and moze Of feluer lymapil put (as fapt is befoze) mas in his cole and fropped with were well for tokepe in his ipmapli euerp bell Ind while the pacelt was in bis bulpnelle This chanon with his fricke gan it breffe Tobem anone and his pouder caft pn As he dod erft the douell out of his fann 1) pm tourne/ 1 pzap to gob for his fallehebe for he was ever falle in thought and bede And with his fticke about his croffett That was orderned with that falle get De ftired the coles toll all relent began The were apenft the fpzelas euerp man But it a fole be wote well it mult nede 3nd all that in the flicke was out pebe Ind in the croffelet haftelp fell Rowc good (its/ what well pe bet than well Whan that this preed was thus beapled agapn Suppolpng nought/but trouthe/ fothetolapn De wasloglad T can nat erprelle In no maner his mpathe and his glabnelle Ind to the chanon he profered effone 23 ody and goad / pe quod the chanon anone Though The poze crafty thou Chalt me fribe I warne the well/ pet isthere moze behynde Is there any copre here yn quob be requod the preediffe I trowe there be els go bre bs fome and that as fwpthe Aome good (it go forthe the map and bethe De went his wapland with his coppie came and the chanon in his bande it name 3nd of that copper be wered out anonce Ill to fimple is mp tonge to pronounce As to mpnifter of mp wet the boubleneffe Of this chanon rote of all cuttebnelle Defemen frendly to hem! & knewe hym nought

... ip bothe in bette and thought 28 ut be was It werpet' me to tell of bis fallenelle And neth lelle/pet woll I it expresse To that cutent I that men mo we beware therby Ind to none other cause trucky De put this bace of copre in his croffelet And on the free as (worth he it let And caft in poudze | made the preeft to blo me And in his workping for to floupe lowe As he opocere and all was but a Tape Realt as hem left the preeft be made bis ape Ind after in the prigot be it caft Ind in the panne put it at laft Of water and in he put his owne banbe And in bis fleue as re beforne banbe Derbe me tell, be had of filuer a tepne De flyably toke it out this curled beyne Tinwetping of the prest of this falle craft Bud in the pannes botom he it laft and in the water cumbeleth to and fro And wonder prouch be toke by allo The copie tepn | nat knowping the piech And byo tti and bem bent by the breft And to hym (pake/ and thus he land in game Stoupeth a bowne by god pe be to blame Delpe me nower as 7 opo pou whyle ere But in your bande and loketh what is there This preed toke by this filuet tern anon And than lapd the chanon let be gon With thefe.iti.tepnes which o we have wrought To some goldingthe to loke if they be ough: for by my feeth I nelbe for myn hood But if thep were filuer fone and good Ino that as ( wpthe preued it ( hall be Into the goldswithe with these ternes thic They went and put the ternes in affan To free and hauter myaht no man (ap nap Butthat ther were as bem ought to be This lotted preelt I who was alabort than be Magneuer by:be gladber avenft the bay Renpattpingale in the scalon of Bap Magneyer none that beft left to fries Aelady luftper in carofrige Difortofbeke of loue or montanhete Ac knight in acmes bone a barby bebe To Randen in grace of his laby bere Than had this preeff this for crafte to lere 3nd to the chanon thus befpake and larbe That for the loue of god that for be all Dev De Ind as I map befecue it buto pome

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# Chetale of the boctout of philyke.

To fourme and pepatt ettbeho creatores Eight as me left for all theng in my cuce is Einder the moneithat may want and were And for my workens throng woll I are Apploade and The fully of accorde I made ber to the worldpp of mp loade Do Do I all men other creatures Of what colours they be to: what figures Thus lemeth mel that nature wolde fepe This may be was of. til. pete age and twepe In whiche that nature bad fuche beipte for tygbeas be can pepare a lply where 3nd roop as a role with fuche pernture She perated bath this noble creature Er the manborne spon her lymmes fre Where as by erght fuche colours foulde be And Phobas beed had ber terfes greate Lpke to the Aremes of his burned heate 3nd if that ercellent mas ber beaute 3 thoulande folde moze bertuous was fbe In her ne lacteth no condicton Charieto varel es he diferection Is well in boop as goft chall masine for whiche (be floured in birmialis With all bumilite and Lottinence With all atemperaunce and pacience With meafure escano berma cf atap Diferete fhe magitn anf werpng alway She was as wpleas Dallas bace Tlepne Der facounde che full womanip and plepne Aone counterfeten termes bab (be Coleme wefe but after ber brate She (pake and all ber morbes inner Tielle Sownping in bettue and in gentrinea: Shamefall (be mas in mar bene (bamfaftnefle Conftant in herte and euer in bulineffe Co Dipue her out of pide flougardip 23 achus hab of her mouthe no maiftry for wome and pourbe bothe glenus encrece As men in free well caft ople or grece Ind of her owne bettue baconfrapned She hath full ofte tymes ber fiche fepned for that (be wolde fire the company Where iphely was to treten of foir As is at felles ceuelles and bounces That ben occasions of ballaunces, Suche thrages/ make christen for to be Tofone type and bolberas men mapfe Whiche is full paricus/and bath be poze for all to fone may (be terne lose

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The Jugear ool this mbis ablence Imap nat y ... finite fentence Let bo call emiand I woll gladip bere Thou (he . have rpght and no mong here Tirgini is came to bece the unitices mell Inbry be anone was reb thes curleb byl The fentence was therof as pe foull bere Co pou mp loide 3ppius lo bete Sheweth pour pozeleruant Claubius Dowe that a knyght called Wirginius Apenft the lame and apenft all equite Dolperherpielle apent the woll of me De lecusunt which that is me thrall be right inhiche from myn bous was floten en a nyght Whyles (be was full yonge! I woll it preue 23p witnelle lorbe fo that penat greue She nys nat bis boughter what lo be lap Wherfore mp lorde Tultice / T pou p;ap peloe me mr thiall if it be pour well Lo this was all the Centence of his byll Theginius gan bpon the choile behoide Buthaftely orbe bistale tolbe De wolde a befended it as (bulde a knoght And by wornedle of many a true wordle That all was falle that lapte his sourciary This cure d'uge woldeno lenger tarp Achere o morbe more of Tramius But paf his ingement and lago thus I beme anone this cho; le his feruaunt baus Thou fall me lenger in the boule ber faue So fet ber forthe and put ber in our mache Correboile (ba! have his this! thus I awards Ind whan this worth known tinguing Thoso we lentence of the Juge Sopius Duft by foxe bis bere bougheer yeuren Winto the Tuge in lechery to lpuen De gothe bem bome and let bem in his ball Ind let anone bis bere boughter call and with a face beed as all bes colde Tipon ber bumble face be gan bebolbe with fathers pote thickong thoso we his bette All woll be not from his purpole connecte Doughter quod be licginea by the name There ben two wapes outher bethe og barne That thou must fustre alas that I was box for never thou befervelt wherfore Co bren with a (werpe o: with a kapfe Dorre Dougheer whiche that all me bete I have foffred bp/ with (webe plefaunce That thou ne were out of my remembraurics

#### The tale of the chandres yeman.

bhat fhall this secept coffertell me nothe 25 pour Laby agod this chamon it is beca marne pon well/that laue I and a frere In Englande/can no man it make Bo force quod bemome (te for goodes lake What Chall I pape tell me I you prap Twys quod be it is full bere I lap be at a wezbe/if that it lp@ you have pe (buil pap.gl. pounde/fo god me faue And were the frendibpp that pe bpb or this Comefhulbe pe pape mote pmps This preeft thefomme of. ri. pounde anone Of nobles fet and toke hem euerpchone Cothis chanon for this placeceit Bil his werking was but fraude and discrit See preeft be lapo | ] kepe to have no lolle Of mp :safteifo; Twpil kepe it cloffe And as peloue me I kepe pe it fecte for if men knewe all mp fubtilte 28 p god thep wolde have lo great enup To me by cause of my philosophy I bulde be been there were none other way Cob it forbebe quot the preeft what pe lap pet had I leuce (pende all the good 10 hiche that I have los els were I wood Than that pelbuide fall in luche a mplchiefe for your good wellit baue pe right good prefe Quod this chanon, and farewell graunt mercy Ind went his war and neuer the preeft brm (p After that pay and when that this preeft (buide Maken affaplat luche teme as he wolde of this receitifare well it wolve nat be Lo thus betaped and beapled was be Thus maketh be his introduction To bryng folke to ber netruction Confiberethfirs i bowe that in eche ellate Bet torte men and golde there is bebate that bonethes is there none bis multipleeng blenbeth (o many one Chat in good fepth/ I trome that it be The caufe greateft! of luche fcarlite Thele philolophers (pekca (o mpftelp Ju this crafte that men can nat come therby for any wet that men mowe have now abayes They mome well chyterpn, as bone Japs and in her termes / letten ber luft and pepne But to ber purpose Thall they never actarne I man may legitly letne if he hane ought To multiply and baping his good to nought Lo which a becre is in this fully game

I mannes mysthe it wolde tourne buto grame Ind empte alloigreat and beup purles Ind maken folke for to purchace curles of bem that beuel ber good to bem lent ofpe for thamettho that have be brent Mas can thep nat five the frzes bete re that it ble / I rebe that pe it lete Left that pe lefe allifo; bet than never is late Acuer to thrive were to long a bate Though pe prole euer meuer fhull pe it fynde pe be as bolder as is Baiarde the bipade That blundzeth foztherand patell catteth none De is as bolde to cenne apenft a Rone Me forto go bely des in the way so faren pel that multiple Tap If that pour even can nat le a cycht Loke that your mynde lacke nat bis fpatt for though that pe loke rought brode a flace pe (bull wonne neuce of that chaffare But waste all that pe mowe tappe and tenne Withdame the fpreselleft it to fafte brenne Debleth no more with that art I meane for if pe do pour thipfte is gone full clene And right as [wether ] well pou tell here 10bat philosophers opd in this matete Lothus layth Arnolde of the newe toun As his Rolary maketh mencioun De lapth right thus withouten any lpe There map no man Deccurp moutifpe But if it be with his brothers knowledena Lothowe that hel whiche firste lapo this theng Of philosophers lather was Dermes De lapth bowe that the Dragon bouteles Ae breth nati but if that he be flepne With his brother, and that is for to lepne By the bragon Abercury and none other De bnberftanbeth/ a bapmilone be his baother That out of Sol and Luna were phrawe and therfore land he take hede to implame Let no man bulp bym this arte for to leche But be the entencion and the (peche Of philosophers bnder tande can and if be bothe is a leube man for this fcience and this connyng lapo be Is of the fectet of fectetes parbe Alfo there was a disciple of Blato Chat on a tyme (apt bis mailter to Is his boke Demos woll beare witnelle And this was his bemaunde in fothfall nelle Cell me the name of that papue flone

# The tale of the boctour of v' he.

And Mato anf werbe bato bem anone Take the Cone that Thitanes men name Tobiche is that quot be! Dagnacia is the fame Sappe Plato pelit is it thus This is ignotum per ignocius What is Magnacia good (it I pou prap Tris a water that is made Tap of elementes foure quod Blato Tell me the cote good fir quod be tho Di that water if it be pour well Aap nap quod Plato certepn that Inpli The philosophers were worne cuerychone Chat they (hulbe offcouet it to none As in no boke it waiters in no manere for botto god it is fo lefe and bere fozbe woll nat/that it biscouered be But where it lpheth to his Dette

Manto en and eke buto befende

Dyanthe pm loketh to this is the ende

Than criclude I thus / foth that god of heuen
As we inatithat the philosophees neupn

Down that a manshall come buto this stone
I cet as for the best let it gone
for who so maketh god his adversary

Befort to worken any thong in contrary

of his well/neuer shall be neuer through that he multiply terms of his lyus

Ind there a poput for ended is my tale

God sende euery good man bote of his bale.

of multiplication: and bere after foloweth the tale of the boctous of philike,



Dere was as teleth Citus Liutus
Aknyght that cleped was Airginius
fullylied of honour a of worthynelle
And frong of frendes and of tycheffe
A boughter had this knyght by his wyfe
Ao children had he moim all his lyfe
fapre was this mappelof ercellent beaute
I bourn every wyght/that men myghtle
for nature hath with lovereyn diligence
fourmed her in lo great ercellenes

Is though the woide (ap lo Inature Chus can I fourme and preprie a creature Whan that me lyft who can me counterfere Digmalcon nat though, be forge and bets D: grave or peprite for I date well ferne Appelles Zamis shalve wirthe in berne To grave or peprite or forge or bete If they presumed me to counterfere for he that is the fourmour principall wath made me his bicare general.

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D boughter whiche that acte my fall wo and in mp lyfe my late tope allo D gemane of challyte in pacience Tabethou the beth / for this is my lentence Top lous and nat for hate theu muft be perb My pytous bande | mult impte of the beeb Blas that ener Bootus the lap Thus bath betugeb the to Day Ind tolde ber all the cale as ye before B) and bester it nebeth to tell no most D mercy bece father quot the mapbe and with that worder the bothe ber armes lepbe Boutt bis necketas fbe was wont to bo The reaces beaft out of ber epen two Inb lapb good father Chall Tope Is there no grace is there no remeby Aotettes bece boughter myn quob be Than your me leplet father mpn quoo (be AP Dethe to compleyne a lytell (pace fo; parbe Tepte pat his bougter grace for to complepne or be ber flower alas And goo it wote no theng was ber trefpas But that (be can ber father for to le To welcome hom with great Colempnite And with that worde | the fpll a (wount anon Ind after whan ber (wounping was agon She refeth bpi and to ber father lapoe Bleffed begod/that I thall brea mapbe pef me mp bethe or that I baue a Chame Dothe w pour childe pour well a goddes name And with that worde the prayeth full offe That with his werde be folde impresofte 3nd with that worde a ( woune bowne the fell Der father with forowfull berte and well Der beed of imote and by the top it bent and to the Tuge be paf it in prefent 36 he lat pet in bome in confiftopp 10han that the Juge it Cameras Capth the ftozp De bab take bem and hange bem allo falte But rpgit anone all the people in thafte To faue the smpght for routhe and for prte for knowen was the falle intquite The people anone | bab (ufpecte in this thring 28 p maner of thes choiles chalenging That it was by affent of Applu They wyll well that he was lechecous forthwith but this Applus they gone Ind call bym to pation and that anone Where as he flewe bym felfe and Claubtus That fecuaunt was brito this Appear

was bemeb for to be banged boon a tee But alieginius of his great pyte So praphe for bem i that be was extleb And els certes/hab be be begpleb The remenaunt were bange D/both moze & lelle That confented were I to this curlebneffe Dece map men (e/bowe (prine bath bis mertte Beware for no man wote bowe god wol impte In no Degreine in no maner tople The worme of confcience map prough ageple Of wicked lefe though it lo papue be That no man wote of but gob and be Whether that be be leube man og lereb De nat howe fone he may be a fereb Therfore | Teche pou this counfell taks forfake (pnne to) (pnne pou forfake

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#### The pardoners prologu

Dibut There anone a mery tale

App herce is loce/for pyte of this mappe

Thou Belampithou Johan parboner he lapbe

Cell be some myrthes of Japes ryght anon

It shall be do be sappiby sappit Kunpon

But strik quod be/ here at this ale stake

I will bothe drynke and eate of a cake

But ryght anone these gentyls began to cry

Asy let hym tell be of no ribaudry

Cell be some morall thyng/that we mowe lere

Some wyt/and than woll we gladly here

I graunt ywys quod be/ but I must thynke

Lipon some honest thing/whites that I drynke.

Dere enbeth the wordes of the hoft.

Tand here begpnneth the parbor ners prologue.

Dibpngt qu beil chisches wha I pieche I pepne me to baue an baunten fpeche Ino tring it out as counde as gothe a bell for I can bp rote/all that I tell My teme is ever one and al way was Rabit omntum malojum eft cupititas ficee I pronounce when that I come Inb than mp billes fbeme Jall and fome Out liege logbes feall on mp patent That the we I firther mp body to watent That no man be lo bolde ne preeft ne clerke De to diffourbe of chaffes boly warke Ind after that tell I forthe my tales Bulles of popes and of carbinalles Of patriarkes and bpffboppes Thewe 3nd in laten! Tipeke wordes a fewe Colaffron with my predicacion Ind for to fere men to beuccion Than Chewe Tforthe mp long criffall Cones. Victammed in cloutes full of bones Relphes they ben as wenen they echone Than baue I in laton a (bolder bone 10biche that was of an holy Tewes thepe Good men fap Titake of mp wordes kepe If that this bone be wall be in any well If come og calfe / (bepe og ore (well That any worme bath catelo; bym fonge Take water of this welle a wallbe bis tunge Ind it is hole anone and ferthermore Of pockes and of (cabbes and curty loze Shall every (bepe be bole that of this well

ught I take kepe of that Ttell Dipnket! If that! . 4000 man/that the beftes o weth Woller cy weke og that the cocke croweth fafty a Dipnhelof this welle a Draughte 3g that boly Temelour elvers taughte Die beftes and his fore (ball multiple Ind fits also it bealeth telousp Inb though a man be fall in telous rage Let make with this water bis potage And neuer (ball be moze bis wofe miftrifte Though be in lothe the befaute by ber wylle All had the take preftes two or thre Dete is a metapnete that pe maple De that his bande woll put in that metayn the shall have multiplying of his green 10ban be bath fo wen be it where or othes So that he offre pens orcis groces Good men & women othong warne Tpows If any weath be in this churche no me That hath borfe fpane lo borrible that be Bare nat for (bame fhapuen be Diany woman be the pong of othe That hath private ber bulbanbe cokolbe Suche folke fhall baue no power ne grace To office to my celphes in this place And who to fyndeth bem out of fuche blame Cometh bp and offre in goodes name 3nd Taffople bem by the auctome Suche as mp bull was graunted to me By this gaube baue T wonne many a pere Ind bundied marke Ifn I mas parbonete I ftandelpke a clerke in mp pulpet Ind whan leube people be bo me plet prechefol as pe baue berbe before Ind tell an bondzed fatte Tapes moze Than pepne I me to fretche forthe mpn neche Bub Ceft and Wellippon the people Theche As bothe a boue fittyng bpon a berne Mon handes and my tonge gon fo perme That it is tope/tole my bulpnelle Of austice and of fuche curfebnelle Isall my prechang to make bemfre Co reue ber pens and namely buto me for mynentent is natibut for to bynne Ind nothring for correction of frine Trecke nat whan that they be burred Though ber foules gon a blakeberged forcertes full mamp a predicacion Sowneth ofte tyme of eupli entencion Some for plefaunce of folke, and for flaterp

# The pardoners prologue.

are ben amounted by specify His forme for beying losp and forme for hate for whan I bate nat other wapes bebate Chan woll I fterng bem with my tong (merte In prechangilo that they Chall nat allerte To ben billamen failly itf that be Dath trefpalled outher to mp brethern or me for though I cell nat his propre name ABen fhall well knowe that it is the fame By (panes of by other circumfraunces Thus gupte I fother that both be buplelailes Thus fpitte I out mp benym bnber beme Df bolynelle, to feme boly and treme Butfbogtly | mpn entent ] well beurfe I preche of nothing but of counties Therfore my terme is pet and cuer was Rabir omntum majozum ett cupibicas Thus gan I preche the fame bice To luche as be blong the fpme of austite But though my felfe be gitty in that fpms pet can I make other folke to twome from auarice and loze bem to repente But that is nat mp principaff entente I preche northring but for couerple Of this mater it ought prowefuffile Chantell Them lenfamples many one Of olde flories longe tome agone for leude people I lourn tales olde Thiche thenges can thep well reporte a boibe

What trome pe whyles that I map preche Ind for to topune golde and filmer/for to trebe That I well inue in poucet welfully Asy napi I thought it neutr truly for I woll preche and begge in londer lander I well nat be no labour weth my bandes As maken balkettes! and igue therby Breaufe I woll not begge poch well none of the apolities counterfete will have money wolfe chele and whete Bil were it peuen, of the popeli page Di of the pozet wpoowe itn a billoge Mil (buide ber chylbren Gerne togfamite Aapl I woll bypnke the licout of the byne Ind baue a tolp wenche in every toune But berkeneth lozdynges in conclusioun pour lykping to/that I that tell atale Aowe Thane bronks a branche of compale Br god Thope Thall tell pou athrng That thall by reason/be at your lykeing To; though mp felfe be a full bictous man A mozail talerpet I pou tell can 10biche I am wont for to precher allo wpme Aome bolbe po' peace i mp tale I woll begyn.

loweth his tale.



#### The Barboners tale.

A fladbers Comtyme togs a company Deponge folkerthat hanteben foip where as with harpanilutes/and greenes
They daucemplay and opec both day a night And etyn offe/and brinken aboue ber might Thoso we whiche thep done if Dyuell Caccifyle within the opuets temple in curled wole The Supertupttes abhompnable Der othes be to great and to Dampnable That it is epfipitoz to bece hem [were Dur bledeblogdes boby thep to tere Hem thought the tewes tent him not prough And eche of hem at others fynne tough Ind right anone came in the tombletteris fetes and imale and ponge feutefteres Sprigers with harpes/bawdes waferers Suche as ben berp the bpucis offpcers To bynote a blowe the fries of lechery That is annexed buto glotony The boly writtertake I to wytneffe That techerp is in woneit in bzonkenelle Loi howe that dronken Loth bukpnbelp Lap by bis boughters two bnwetpigly So brouke he was he uhft what he wrought Ind therfore love repente him ought Berobes who to wall the flores feche There may pe lerne and by ensample teche Whan he of wone was replete at his feelt Right at his owns table pafe his beeft Collee the baptyft John full gpitleffe Senck (apth eke/good wordes doutleffe De (apth he can no opfference fynde Betwyr a manthat is out of his mynde and a man whiche that is bronkele we But that wodeneste/fallen is in a f hiewe Derleuereth lenger/than both bronkenelle Dut glotonpe full of cuticoneffe D cause first of our confusyon Dozigpnall Conne of our Dampnacion Tell Crift had bought be who blode agapne Lo bowe bereif boatly for to fagne A bought was this cureo bulong Cozcupt was all this worlder thorow glotony Boam our forne fatheriano his wyfe allo fto paradple to labour and to bo Were bruen for that bicelit is no brede for wholes that Adam tafted as I cede We was in parabyle and whan that be Ote of the frute Defended on the tre

3non be tr it caff / to the and payme D glotor . on the ought be well to stapne Dwpff a man howemany malabres folow merepcellerand of alatonpes De (hatbe be the moze melucable Of his Dycte (pttping at his table Blas the f hoste throtes the tender mouth Daketh that eft a well northe and fouth In crthe/in epze/in water/men to ( wpnae Co get a gloton bepate meate and bunke D Doule of this mater well canft thou entrete Meate buto wombe/4 wombe the buto mete Shall god Diftropen botheras Boule farth Mlasia foule thonge it is by my farth To lay this worderand fouler is the Debe 11) han men fo Dunketh of the whote & rede That of his throte be makerb bis prime Thorowe that curled luperflupte The apostle wepping layth full potous lo There walke many of which you tolog have Tap it nowe wepping with pytous boys That thep ben enempes of Ctiftes crois Df whiche the ende is beth wombe is ber gob D wombei D belp D ftpnkpng cod fulfylked of dunge and of corrupcion It epther ende of the foule is the foun Dowe great coft a labour is the to fride Thefe cokes how they flape ftrapne zamade 3nd tourne Cubstaunce in to accident To fulfyll all the lecotous talent Dut of the har De bones knocken ther The mary for they cafte naught awey That may go thoso we the golet fofte and fote Of Covcerp of leues barbe and core Shall be bis lauce irmade by belote To make hym pet a newer appetyte But certes be that baunteth luche belvees Is deed whyles that be lyueth in the byces A lecherous thong is wone a dronkenelle Is full of Arpurng and of weetchponette D dronkonman oufpaured in thy face Sour is thy breth foule arte thou to embrace Ind thosow the bronke note fowneth the foun As though & lapbett are lamploun lamploun Ind pet god wot faplon dranke neuer no wyne Thou fallell as it were a ftycked fmpne Thy tongers loft and all thone boneft cure for Dronkenelle is bery leputeure Dimannes wet and bis Diferefcion In whome that Dinke bath Dompnacion D.L.

# The Barbeners tale:

de can no comfarte hepe at is no brobe Down hope you to the whyte a fee the case Plantely to the whyte wone of Lepe That is total in hitogr freeze of in these Thes were of Spayne crepeth Cubecily In other wones growing tall by De whiche there spleth luche fumolyte That toben a man bath bronke braughtes thre and weseth that he be at home in chepe ipe is in Spapne: right at the towne of Lepe Agt at Mocbelline at Burbeur toun And then well be lay lamploun lamploun But herkeneth lasbynass o worde I pou prap That all the loueraprie actes bace ] (ap of bictories in the olde tellament Thosowe bery god/that is omny potent Were bone in abdynence and in prayer Loketh the bpble/s there pe mome it less Loketh Artilla the great conquerous Depet in bis depe mi ( hame and be honour Blebpng ape arbis note m bionhenelle I captagne ( buide tpue in Cobernelle Birb ouer all this auple pou spatt well 10hat was comaunded buto Lamueli Rat Samuell but Lamuell (ap ] Rebeth the byble and fynde it erpref ly of wone peupig to bem that have Juffree Bo more of this for it may well Cuttyce

Ab nowe that I baue fpoke of alotony Aome well & Defenbe you balacory Hafardepe is berp mother of lefpnges And of oucepte a curled toxwerpinges Blafphemp of Critimanilaughter a waft alfo Of cataple & of tyme and ferthermo It is reprete and contrary of bonour fo; to be bolben a comune balarbour And cuer the bper that be is in altate The moze be is boloen Defolate If that a prince ble halardice In all gouernaunce and all polecpe e is/as by comune opppnyon pholoe the laffe in reputacion htplichone / was holde a wyle emballebour Mas Cent in to Corenthe with great bonous fro Calybone to make bem alpaunce And whan he came thim happed this chaunce of that londe Playeng at balacte be bem fonte for whiche as lone as that it might be

De fale bym bome aven to big countre Ind lapd/there well I nat lele my name I well nat take on me le great befame you for to alpe to none balarbours sendeth other toyle amballabours for by my trouthe/me were lever bye Than I you to balarbours (bulbe alpe for pe that ben to glorioute in bonouts shall nat alpe you to no balactours As by my toplline as by mp treate This well phylolopherithus lapo be Lose che howe to the brng Demetrius The king of Warthes as the boke lapth bs Sente bym a pepte of byce of golde in Coane for he had bled halardrie there beforne for whiche be belde his glozy & his senoun At no balue or reputacioun Loides nipghten fynde other maner plap Donell prough to Ditue the Dap awar.

Die well I fpeke of othes falle a great I worde or two/as many bokes treate Great (werpnge/18 thpnge abbompnable Ind falle fwering is a thong more reprouable The hygh god forbad (weryng at all Wetnelle or Mathemelbut in Specpall Offwerping laythe boly Jecompe Thou I balt (were foth thone other a nat lee And (were in dome/a in rightwpinelle But pole sweepinge is a cursednelle Beholde and leithat in the fyill table Of byah goddes beltes bonourable Howe that the feconde belt of byin is this Take nat myn name in polenelle ample Lo rather be forbedeth (uche frerena Than bompcide of any other curled thong Tlay as by oldie/thus it fandeth This knowerh thep bus beltes binderladeth b) owe that the feconde bett of god is that Ind furthermoze | I woll the tell at plat That bengeaunce thall nat parte from boule That of his other is to outragroule Epe by goddes precioule bert a by his naples and by the blode of Crylip is in Daples Seuen is mp chaunce a thone is (pinke a trep Cre gobbes armes if thou fall ly pley This baggar (ball thoso we thene berte go This frute cometh of the bytched bones two for (werpna/ite/falluelle and bomicibe Aome for the love of Cryft that for be berbe

#### The Bardoners tale:

Loueth your other bothe great and Cmale for criftes (ake and berkeneth mp tale Thefe epotours threiof whiche I tell, Longe of to prime were ronge any bell Wete fet bem in a tauerne to ozinke 3:10 as they late they herde a bell clynke Before a corfe was carped to his grave Toat one of bem gan call to his knaue Go bet quod be and afke teoply what coale is this/that palleth forth by Ind loke that thou reporte his name wele Dyz quod the boy at nedeth never a dele It was me tolde of ye came here two boures the was parde an olde felowe of poures All lodaynly was bel layne to night for bronke as be late on bis benche boright There came a prime thefe men clepe bethe That in this countre all the people ( leth and with his (peare) be (mote his berte in two Ino went his way without wordes mo De hath a thousande ( layne this peltelence Ind mapftet/ete pe come in his prefence De thenketh it were cecessarp for to be ware offuche an aduerlary Dethe is reby fo; to mete bym euermoze Thus taught me mp Dame | Tay no moze Olapnt mary layd this tauernere The ciploe lapth lothe for he hath this pere Dens ouer a mple/f lapne in a great village Bothe man & woman chylde byne & page I trowe bis habytacion bethere To ben aupled areat wploome it were Ere that be bpd a man a bilhonour pe goddes armes layo this tyotout is it (uche parell with hym for to mete I hall byin feke by way & che by frece f ( hall bym ( lee by goddes digne bones t) erken felowes/we thre ben all ones Let cebe of be becomen others brother and eche of be holde by his bande to other Ind we well flee this traptout dethe De thall beftapne we that to many fleeth By goddes bignyte oz it be nyght Togyther haue thele thie ber trouthes plyght To loue and opelike of them with other Is though he were his owne boine brother 3:10 bp thep fterte/all bronke in this rage Ino forthe they gone towarde that billage Of whiche the tauerner bath (poke befogne Ind many a grafty othe haue they fpoine

3nd Cr Leffed body they to sente Deth (t .. be beeb if that we may bom bente Whan sep have goos nat fully a myle King' as thep wolde have gone over a fiple In olde man & a poose with be mi mette @ 1,18 olde man full mekelp bem grette Ino layo thus losbringes god poule The proudelt of their epatours thre Insweroe what chople with harde grace 10 by acte thou all forwapped face up face 1bby lyueft thou lo longe in lo great age This olde man gan lobe in ber bylags Anotapo thus for I can nat fynde I man though I walke in to Inde Acpthet in crete ne in billage That well chaunge his youth for myn age Ind therioze muft Thaue mpn age Cyll As longe tome as u is goodes well Ac dethe alas well nachane mp lyte Thus walke Tiphe a reffeleffe captpie Ind on the groude whiche is me moders gate knocke with my flatte crty and late And lay to betileue mother let me in Lo howe I vanyline decide blode and (Bp. 1 Mas what that imp bones be at tell Mother with you woide I througe my the ? That in my chamble longe tome hall be pe for an beit clout to beappe in me But pet to me the woll nat do that grace for whiche full pale a wretched is my tace And lpis to pou it is no courtely To fpeke to an oloc man bylony 23 ut he trespace outher in worde or in dede pemap pour felfe in boly witte tede Frent an olde man bose thos bis beed pe i bulde arple wherfore T pou reed As bothe to none olde man harme no we Ao moze than pe wolde men dpo to pou In age if ye (bulde lange abpoe And god be with you where pe go o; toda I muit go thy der as I have to do Aap olde choile by god thous balt nat lo Sayo this other halacdour anon Thou partell nat lo legitly by laint John Thou fpakell sight nowe of y tregtout berb That in this countre all our irendes fleth Haue bere mp trouthe thou arte his aippe Tell where he is of thou [ halte it aby 230 goo and by the boly factement for thordy thou acce one of us allent D.11.

# The Parboners tale.

to fice by pange folkerthou falle theft Co frupe Bethermene be thes croked way Hopen chat grout | I tom la toe last by my fay Winder a resistance be well abyde for your bellette well nothing him bybe She pe that ohe right there pel bull him fynbe God faue pou that bought agapte manky noe aind you amende thus faid this olde man Ind overp of thefe spatouts tan All they came to the tre/a there they founde e)f dozepne fone golde/propned counde Well ne an erght bullhels as bem thought Bo lenger than after Dethe thep fought But eche of them le glab was of that light for that the Borepus to fayte were and bright That Dothar they fate by the precious horos The worte ofhem be fpahe the fielt worde. Bjetherne o beitake kepe what I fap Ship worte is great though I bourde & play This treafout hath fortune bito be peuen In mirche & tolite out lyfe to lyuen Ind lightly as et cometh to well we fpende Epe goodes precioule dignite who wende To Day that wel bulde haue lo fayze a grace But might this golde be carped foo this place Dome to my boutero; de baco pouts Than might we lapithat it were all ours Than were we in bigh felicite But trewly by dap it map not be Men wolde far that we were theues ftronge And for our owne trealout done be bonge This recalour muft be carred by night As wifely and as flily as it might Wherfore I tebe fet loke amonge be all Drawe cur let le where that it will fall We that hath the fhortell cut with herte blithe shall reme to towne | 3 that full forthe Cobzing by breed & wone full princly And two of be (bell kepe full fubtilly This erefour well if if ye well not tarien Whan a is night we woll this treatour carien 28 p one allent where as be left belt That one of bem brought Reawe in his fest And bad be brato la loke on whom it wolve fall And atfyll on the pongett of hem all Ind forthe towarde the towne be went anone And all lo lone us be was gone Chat one of bein pake thus buto that other Chou woten well of actemp (wo me brother

The profete topil I tell the right anone Thou wotel well pour teleme is gone Ind bece is goldera that full great plents That I hall be Departed amonge be thas But nethelellerif I can Chape u lo That it departed were amonge be two Dad I nat bone a frendes tourne to the That other answerder I not howe it might be wot well the golde [hall be ours two What I bull we lap what I bull we do ball it be counsaple sapt the first specie and I chall tell the en wordes fewe What we (bull bo and bring it well aboute I graunt qued that other out of boute That by my trouther I woll the nat bewrep Aowe or beithou wortell well we be twep And twepne of vs/( hall ftronger be than one Loke whan that be is let thou right anone Acple as though thou woldest with him plep and I hall the phu thosond biboes theh 10 hples thou Acogelph with bem in game and with the bagger loke thou bo the fame And than I hall all this golde departed be sady dece frender by twy re me and the Than map we bothe our luftes fulfyll Ino plep at ople right at our owne well And thus accorded be thefel brewes twee To fle the thy delas pe have berde melep This pongell whiche p went to the towns full ofte in better be rolled by and downe The beaute of thefe flozepus newe a bright Dlozde quod be if to were that I might All this trealour wynne to mp felfe alone There nps no man that lpueth bnber trone Of god/that (bulde lpue as mery as 7 And at last the fende our enemye Dut in his herte that he ( bulde poplon bep with whiche be myght flee his felowes twep fo; why the fende fonde in luche lyupinge That be had leave bym in lozow to bring for this was beterip his entent To lee bem bother and neuer to repent and forthe be gothe no lenger wolde be tary In to the towner buto a potycaty Bud prayde hym that be wolde hym fell Some porton/that he myaht his rattes quell and the therwith was a polcat in his haws That as be lapt bis capons had (lawe and land he wolde wacke bem if he myght Di beempn that delicoved bem by ny abe

#### The Bardoners tale.

The potecaty and pecbe thou bett have 3 thengias welly goomp loute laue In all this worlde/there is no creature That eaten az erenkan beth of this confecture Aat but the mountenaunce of a come of whete That he ne Chall anone bis lpfe forlete ye fecue be ( batt/and that in taffe whyle Di thou wylte go pallyng halfe a myle This poplon is to fronge to brolent This curled man bath in his bande it bent This poplon in a bore and lyth he ran In to the next frete buto a man And bozowed him large botelles thre 3nd in to the twepne the poplon poured be The thyade he kept clene for his Dunke for all nyght be l hope him for to lwpnke In carpenge of this golde out of this place And whan this epotout with forp grace Had fylled with wone his great botelles thie To his felowes aven repayzeth he What neverb it to fermon of it moze for right as they had call his beth afore Ryght lo they baue bym (laph right anone Ano whan this was done than fpake that one Aowe let be fotte & bambe and make be merp And afterwarde we well his body buty And afterwarde, it happed bem per caas To take the botell there the poplon was And Dranke 14 pafe his felowe drinke allo for whiche anon they fteruen bothe two But certes I suppose that Aucenne 10 zote neuer in no canoun ne in no fenne More wonderlosowes of enpoylonmia Than bad thefe wetches two/in ber enopng Thus ended ben thele bomicibes two And the the falle empoyfoner allo D curled spane full of cursednesse D traytours bomicide D wyckednesse D glotony D luxury D halacozy Thou blasphemar of Crost with uplany And other great of blage and of price Alas manbende bowe map it betyde That to the creatour whiche of the managht And with his precious blode the bought Thou arte fo falle and fo bukpube alas Aow good men god forpene pou pout itelpas and ware you from the fpme of anacre. My holy pacton may you all was ce So that pe offer nobles of Bertpnges D; els (pluer (pones/b;oches o; tynges

230 Wet theed under thele boly bulles Come , up pe wpues oftech of pour wolles pour aues gentre un my colle anone In's the bipile of benen [ yati pe gone 1 ou allople/by my boan powere you that well offee as ciene a as ciere Is ye were boze to ly 18 thus I preche and felu crpf that is our loules leche so graunt pou bis parbon to recepue forthat is belt | well pounat bucepue Butlyzs o worde forgate I in my tale I have reletes and pardon in my male As fapic as any man in Englande Whiche were me peue by the popes hande It any of you well of deuocioun Offren and baue mpn ablolucion Cometh forthe anon & bneleth bere a boun Ind mekely recepueth your pardoun Orcistaketh paroon as pe wende all newe and treith at every myles ende So that pe offer al way newe and newe Aobles or pens whicherhat ben good & tre wa It is an bonour to entry eye that is here That ye mowe have a lutty claunt pardonete To allople you in countre as veryoe for anentures whiche that may bety de for perauenture there may fall one or two Downe of his borfe a brete bis necke a two Loke whiche a furete it is to you all That I am in your felows hpp pfall That map afforle you bothe more and late Whan that the foule f ball from the body pate Trede that our hoffe bere I ball bearing for he is most enucluped in frine Comety forthe fpr boll 4 oftreth right anone 300 thoughalt kylle the relibes eucrychone pe for a groce buboble anone the purie Map nay quod beitvan baue Teriffes curfe Let be quod be it f hall nat be lo theche Thou woldeft make me brife then olde berebe 3nd (were it were a relibe of a ferit Though it were with the fundemit prepnt But by p croffe whiche that farme term foude I wolde I had the coirons in ner bonde In flede of relphes other offaintewarp Let cutte bem of I well belpe the bem to care They f bull be f bamed in an bogges to:be This parboner answerde nato worde to wrothe be was be wolde no worde lap Rowe quod our botte | wyll no lenger pley Dilli-

# The Shypmans tale.

With theme with none other angry man But right anon the worthy knight began whan that he lawe/that all the people lough ho more of this/for it as right yrough.

by parboner/be incry a glad of there and ye ly hood/that be to me to dere happy you that ye kylle the parbonere and parboner by pay the drawe the nece

And as we opofiet be laugh and play Anon they hyffed/and tyben farth her way.

and here begynneth the phypmannes tale.



Marchaut lotyme was at laint Denys That riche was whetfore me belbe bim a myte be bab of ercellent beaute (wrice And comprable and reuclous was (he Whiche is a thing that cauleth moze bifpence Than worth is all the chere and reuerence That men bem bone at feeltes and at Daunces Suche falutacions and countenaunces Baffen as bothe a ( habowe on a wall But wo is him that papen mult for all The felp bulbande algate be mult pape B)e muft bs bothe clothe and eke acape All for his owne worf byp full richely In whiche aray we baunfen tolily and if that he nought pap | perauenture Dreis lpa nat luche fpences endute But topnketh it is walted and ploft Chan mult another pay for our coll

D: lene be golderand that is parloufe This noble marchaunt beide a noble boule for whiche he had to great repepte for his largenelle /a for his wyfe was lepze That wonder was but herkeneth to mp tale Amonge all thefe geftes great and smale There was a monke a fapre man a a bolbe I trowe that.rrr. wenter be was olde That ever in one was drawping to p place This ponge monke that was to farze of face Aqueputed was fo with the good man Sithe that their firft anowlege began That in his houle as fampliet was be Is it is pollpble any frende to be But for as moche as this good man and the this monke of whiche I began Were bothe two borne in one billage The monke bim clapmeth as for colpnage

#### The Shypmans tale

And be apen lapth nat ones nap But was as glad therof as foule of bay fo: to his herce it was a great plefaunce Thus ben they bapt with eterne alpaunce In beche of hem gan other for to enfuce Of brotherheed whyle that her lyfe may dure fre was ban John a namely of dispence Is in that house and full of dilpgence To bone plesaunce and also great costage De nat fozyate to yeue the lefte page In all that house but after his beare De pafe the lozde and allo his mepne 10han that be came Come maner boneft thong for whiche they were as glad of his compna Is foule is fanne whan the fonne be treeth Aomore of this for it luftpleth But so befyllithis marchaunt on a day Shope hun to make redy his aray Towarde the towns of Bruges for to fare To byen there a positioun of wate for whiche he had to Darys fent anon A meffanger and prayed bath ban John That he foulde come to fagnt Dengs & plep with hom a his wofe a day of twey Cre be to Bruges went in all wple This noble monke the whiche I you beuple Dath of his abbot as hym lyft lycence By cause be was a man of hygh paudence Ind eke an offpeer out for to tybe To le ber graunges & her bernes wrbe And to faynt Denys cometh hum anon who was to welcome as my loade ban John Our dere colpn full of curtefye with hom he brought a Jub of maluelye And the another full of fone bernage Ind volatple as was his blage And thus flet bem cate bunke | 4 plap This marchaunt tinis monke a day or tway The thy de day the marchaunt by tyleth Ind on his nedes (adly hym aupleth And by to his counterhouse gothe he To reken with him felfe well may be Of that pere howe that it with him food And howe phe dispended had his good Ind if encrealed be bad oz none Dis bokes and his bagges many one He leveth beforne him on his countying bords full tyche was his trefout and his horde for whiche full fast his countout he ! bette Ino eke he notoe y no mant huloe him lette

Di his intenge for the meane tyme 3 10 th be late toll it was paffed prime Ban nobil was eplen in the mozowe allo 3 ar in the garben walked to and fto Anolapo bis chonges full curiouf ip Cuis good wefe came walkeng princle in to the garben there as be walked forte And hom (alewed as the bath bone one I may be chyloe came in her companys Whiche as the lyle the may gouerne and gre for yet bnoer the peroe was the mapbe Docte colpn mon dan John l be tapo What epleth you fo rathe for to take Acce quod be it ought prough lutiple fruc boures to (lepe on a nyabt But it were fo; an olde palled wight Is ben this wedded men pipen and bare Is in a fourme lyttern a werp hare Were all fo; franghe to boudes great a finale 23 ut bere nece map loke pe no me to pale trowe certes that our good man Wath you laboured fpthe the night began That pou were nede to retten battelp And with that words belough full merils Ind with his owne thought were all tred This tapze write gan I have ber beco Ind Capo thus: pe dod wote all guod ( he Map colpn it frandeth nat lo will me for by that god that pake me louis a lyfe In all the realme of france is there no write That laffe luft bath to that for play for I map ipnge alas and well away That I was boine but to no wrate guod the Dare finantell howe it thandery with me Wherfore I thynke out of this lande to wend D: els of mp felfe to mate an enbe So full am J of Diede and eke of care This monke began boon this write to flare And land alas me nece god to:bede That pe for any forome or tor any brebe for de pour lelle burcell me pour grefe Paraueneure I may in your michete Countaple or belpe a cherrore telleth ms Ill pour annope for ich ball iccrete be for on my porchoic bere I mase an othe That never in ing lefe tor let ne lathe Refhall I of no coulaple pou bewrap The lame quod be to you flap by god and by this postbole I pou fivers Though men well me all to peces tere

# The hyppnians tale.

AcChail I neuccifoz to go to bell 28 ctorep a market of thong that pe me tell Aat forme cotrosceine alpaunce But berilp Delous and affinince Thus ben they (wore a therbpon they hyft And echeanisch to other what hem lyft Colpromobiletathat The inace 35 ] have neacl a namely in this place Than moine I tell a legende of my lyfe Inhat I have luftred lyn I was a write 10th inphulbande/all be be pauc cofpn Aar or this monte by god and farnt Dactyn De 15 no more colpir bace me achan is the lease p bangeth on the tre 3 clepe bun forby lapne Denys of fraunce To have the more caule of acquepmaunce Of pourphone I have louch (pecially About all other women wherly This twees I pour on my protest pour Cellerb pour grefe left be come boun 3nd haftethpouland go atoap anon Ady percione auod bein my ban John full lefe were me this countaple to hobe But out it mote/ it may no letters abobe Say hulbanders to me the worft man That ever wasilprise the worlde began But fythe & am bes topfeittfptteth nat me Cotell no upatt efour prairte Acpther urbebme in none other place Gad (bribe & (bulde it tell for bes grace A worfe Chattenatlapne of ber bulbande But all bonontias 7 can biberftanbe Sauc unto pourthis mucheti Ttell (ball Is belpe me god be is nat worthe at all In no Degreiche balue ofa fipe But pet me greueth mod his npastop and well pe wete that women naturally Defpien thonges fore as well as Do T They wolde that her hulbanbes (bulbe be Hardpe wpferepcherand therestoe And bustom to his tople/aftellhe a bedde But by that the lorde p for be bicobe for his haneurmy lette for to acape A (ondap ment 4 mufte noves pape In humbes frankes of cis 3 am loze pet were I leuer to be babore Than me were de baclaunder o; bilonp and if my bufbande myght it love I nece butlot and therfore I pou prep Lene meting formeloz els mult 1 bep

Dan John Jlay/lene me this. C.frankes Darde I well nat fayle poump thankes f that pelpft to bo that I pouplay To; at a certaph day I well you pay and bone to you what piclaunce of feruple That I may bone right as pe lp& beuple And but if bo god take on me bengeaunce As fouls as ever bad Benylioun of fraunce This genile monke and werde in this manere Aowe tre wip mone owne lady dece Thank on you quod be lo great a routhe That I pou (were and plight my trouthe That whan your bulbabe is to flaubers face I well belyuer pou out of this care for well bringe pou an. C. frankes and with p worde be caught her by p ( bankes And ber enbraced bardela Bytte ber Cofte Bothe nowe pour way quod be all figli a Cofte And let be bone as lone as pe may for by my kalander it is prime of the day Bothe nowers ben as trewe as I ( ball be Aowe els god forbedelpr quod lbe And forthet be gother as toly as a ppe And bad the cokes that thep ( bulde bye so that men myght byne at none Tip to her hulbande is this whife yone Ind knocketh at his countour boldly Who is there quod be/Deter it am 3 Duod (he/what fp; howe longe wyll pe falte Dowe longe tyme well pe reken and cafte pout formes / your bokes / and pout thynges The opuell baue parte of all luche rekenpinges pe have prough parte of goddes fonde Come Downe to bap | & let your bagges fonde Ae be pe nat a Chamed that ban John Shall fastynge all this longe bay gon What let be go bere a malle a go byne pe quod this man letell canft thou diupne The curious buspnette that we have for of be chapmen all lo god me laue And by that loade that cleped is faint Jue Scarfelp among twile ten twelue Chall thriue Continually laftinge bnto their age We may well make there a good bplage And brue forthe the worlde as it map be And kepe out effate in priupte Tpll we be decolor els that we plap A ppigrimage/o; gone out of the way And therfore have I great necellite Tipon this queynte worlde to auple me

# The Shypmans

fo: euer moze/the mult fande in Diebe of bap & fortune in our coapmanbebe To flaunders well & go to moto me at Day 3110 come apen as lone as euer 4 map for whiche beer wpfe I the beleke As be to enery wyght burum ano miche And for to kepe out good be cuttoufe Ind honetty gouetire well our boufe Tyou balt ynough/in euerp maner wple That to a thufty bout boloe map lutiple The lacketh none aray ne no bytaple Of Coluer in the purs Chalt thou nat faple And with & worde/bis couterooze be ( bette And Downe be gothe be wolde no lenger lette But haltely a malle was there lapbe And (peoply the tables were lapoe 3nd to bynner talt they bem (peobe Ind tychely the chapman this monke febbe And after opner/dan John Coberly This chapman toke a parte properly And Capb hym thus/colpn it frandeth fo That well I fe to Buges wyll pe go Goo flagnt Buften (peve you and groe I pray you colyn wplely thy det pe tybe Couerne you also well of your drese Attemperly and namely in this bete Betwyre be two nebeth no ftraunge face farwele colpnigod Chelbe pou fro care and if any thong by bay or by night Be in mp power of in mp inpate That pe me well comaunde in any well It ( ball be do right as ye wyll deuple D thynge or that pe gone if it map be play you to lene it buto me Bu bunozed frankes/for a weke or twee for certapne beeftes that I muft bep To toze with a place that is outs Soo helpe me lo | woloe it were pours I Chall nat faple furely of my bap Aat to; a thoulande frankes o myle way But let this theng be lecrete T pou piep Top pet this neght this beeftes mult 4 bee And face no we well mone owne colyn dere Scamercy of pour colt and of pour chece This noble marchaunt and that anon Anlwerde alapdi D colpn myne ban Jobit Adwelpactipithes is a linali coqueft Mp golde is pours whan that ye left And nat only my golde but my chaffa z. . Take that ye ipth god ( bpide p ye fpa .

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Butr appa pe knowe well mough Of Japmen phet money is ber plough 18 map creaunce whyles we have a name L' it goldelelle for to be it is a Chame wave it apen whan it lyeth at your cafe Artet mp mpght tapne wolde & pou pleafe Thele bundieu frankes fette be forthe anon Ind princip be toke bem to ban laun Ao weath of all this lande well of this lone Saupng this marchaunt toan foon alone They bunke + (pekel + come a whole + pley Will that dan John epoeth to his abbep The motow came a forth rivery this marchant To flauoers ward his pretiple brought him as Tell be came to Bruges well & merily Aowe gothe this marchaunt well a bufpip Aboute uis neves and breth & creauntera We nepther playeth at the opce ne baunfeth But as a marchaunt (bottly to tell De led his tpie there I ter bom owell The fonday nert of this marcoaut was accon Colapnt Denys is comen dan Joqu With crowne & beroe all redbe & newe (baue In all this boufe there has to letell a knaue Aeno weght els but be was tull tarne That my loide dan John was comen agapm Ino Chordy to the popul right to to goon This fagge water accorded with dan foun That for his budged trankes be buld all night Daue ber in bis armes bolce boligne Ind this accorde partourmed is in oede In mysthe all nyght a buly lyfe they lede Tylic was day of dan Toungedeuis war And bad the merny far well a yaur good day for none of bem ne no weght in the to wine Darb of dan John any fulp ccidun Ind forthe he egoeth home to us abber Di where him toft nomoie of him fley This marchaunt whan of ended was the ferre Colaput Denps be gan agapue repapte and with his wrfe be maketh freit t chere Ind telletb her the chartare is to bere That nedes muß be make a cheuclaunce for be was bounden in a recognyfaunce To pap.cr.thoulande (beloce anone for whiche this marchaunt is to Daris gone To bolowe of certapne frendes that be bad A certaine of frankes 4 forme with born or lab 3nd whan that he was come in to the tean To; chierce and great affectioun

# The Shypmans tale.

Zinto ban John be gothe frat bim to plep Bat for to albe ne bojo we of bpin money 2But for to weterand le his welface Ind for to tellen bim of bis chaffare As frendes bone whan they mete in fere Dan John bym maketh feelt a mery chere Ino be hym tolde full (pecially Howe be had well fped and gracioufly Thanked be god /all bole bis marchaundple aue that be mult in all maner wpfe abaken a cheucfaunce as for the beft And than be [bulde be in top and reft Dan John anlwerde cettes Jam fapne That pe in bele are comen home agapne Ind if that I were tyche as have I biple Of. rt. thoulande ( beldes [ bulde pe nat mplle for pelo kynocly this other bay Lent me golde and as I can and map Tthanke you by goo t by lapnt Tame But netheleffe ] toke it buto our dame pour wyfe at home, the fame golde apen Tipon your benche the wore it well certern 23y certapne tokens/that I can pou tell Aowe by pour level I map no lenger owell Dur abbot well out of this towns anone And in his company mult I gone Orete well out Dame myn owne nece fwete Ind farewell bere cofpn tpll we mete This marchant which p was full ware a write Creaunfed hath and paped che in Warple To certagne lumbardes redy in her honde The fome of golde a gate of hem his bonde And bome be goth as mery as a poppingap for well be knewe be fode in luche arap That nedes muft be wynne in that byage A thousande frankes about all his coltage Dis wofe full redy mette hom at pate As the was wonte of olde blage algate And all that nyght in myzthe thep be lette for he was tycheland cletely out of dette was dapithe marchaut gan enblace Dis wofe all newer and kyft her in the face And bp be goth and maketh it full tough Ao more quod [be/by god pe have prough and wantonip agayne with him ( be playde Tpli aclast the marchaunt thus lapbe By god quod be/ am a lytell wrothe With you my wyfe all though it be me lothe And wote pe why by god as I gelle

That pe have made a maner traumgeneffe 25 ct wpr me and my colpn ban John pe (bulde baue warned me o; 4 bab gon That be had you an hundred frankes parde By reby token and belde hym puell apapte for that I to bom fpake of cheuefaunce De Cemeb Colas by his countenaunce But nethelelle by god our beuen kynge I thought to alke of hym nothynge play the wyfe do no more lo Tell me nowe or Theothe go If any Dettout baue in mpne ablence ppaped the left bp the negligence I myght him alke a thynge p be bath papor This wofe was nat aferde ne affrapbe 28 ut boldly (be layd and that anon Mary Toche that falle monke ban Tobis I kepe nat of his tokens never a bele He toke me certapne golde p wote Twele What yuell the dom on his monkes inoute fo; god it wote/ I wende withouten boute That he had peue it me bycause of you To do therwith men bonour 4 mp prou for colynage and the for bele chete That he hard had full ofte tymes here But lothe Tle it Conte in luche Diliopnt I wyll answere you shortly to the poput pe haue no flacker dettour than am 1 for I well pape pouredply I to day to day tilo be I faple am pour wyfe/score it boon my taple and els I Chall pay as fone as euer I may for by my trouth I have on myne arap And nat in walt bellowed it everybele And for I baue bestowed tto wele for pour honour/for goddes lake flap As be nat wrothe and let be laugh & play pel hall mp toly boop baue to webbe By god T wyll nat paye you but a bedde forgrue it me inprowne spoule dere Tourneth byther maketh better chere This marchaut lawe there was none other ree and for to chyde it were but a folp (meby syn that the thinge may nat other be Aowe wpfe be lapola I fozpeue it the And by thy lyfe be no more fo large Repe better thy good this apue I in charge Thus endeth my tale and god be lende Calpuge prough buto out lpues ende.

# Che Brietelles btoi.

# Chere endeth the Shyp. mannes tale.

#### Caterba bospitis.

Ell land by coppus ons land our book 10 Bowelong mote thou layle by \$ cooff Thou gende mailter gentle marpuete God peue the monke a thoulabe laft quab pere 3 ba felowes be wate of luche a lape The monke put in the mannes bobe an ape Ind in his wpues che/bp fapnt Auftyn Diatocth no monkes no moze to your inne But nome palle ouer/4 lete be feke aboute who Chall tell a tale firth of all this route Inother tale | with that worde be Capo As curtepf ly as it had be a maybe App lady priozelle/by pour leue So that I wpft I (bulbe pou nat greue I wolve beme that pe tellen [ holve A tale next of lo were that pe wolde Aowe well pe bouchelaufe mp lage bere Bladin quod (be a lapt as pel bull bere

the Prologe.

Omine bis nolter/quam abmirabile elt nomen tufi in bniuerla terra.

Did our losd the name ever marcielous
Is in this large weilde place of he
for nat all only the laude pressous
parfourmed is/by men of dignyte
But by the mouth of chyldren the bounts
parfourmed is/for on the breft louking
omtyme I hewen they then berreng

Toperfoze in laude/as I can and map of the and of the whyte lply flour

Topich the bare/3 is mapbe al way
Cotr . a ftopp/ wyll bo my labour
Aor .hat I may encrece her honour
fo the her leife is honour and the rote
T bounte/nert her forme and foules bore

D mother mapbe D mapbe i mother fre D bullhe bubjent bjenning in Apoples lyght That raughbebelt bowne from the beyte Thosowe then hubles of good on the a lyght Of whole bertue whan he thene herte lyght Concepued was the fathers laptence Helpe me to tell it in the reuerence

Lady thy bounte thy magnyficence
Thy bertue and thy great humplite
There may no tonge expresse in no science
for somtyme lady or men pray the
Thou goest beforme of thy benignyte
And gettest vs the lyght of thy prayere
To gyden vs butto thy some so bece

App komping islo weake D bigf full quene for to declare then begt worthenede That I ne may the weight luftene But as a cheloe of weluemonth olde or lelle That can benether any worde expecte Reght lo fare I and therfore I you pray Gybeth my longe as I (hall you fay.

loge/shere after foloweth ber tale.

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#### The Briggelleutabe



Inonge criften folke a Jury
Imonge criften folke a Jury
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A lyteli (cole of crysten folke there stode Down at ferther ende in whiche there were Chyloren an hepe comen of cristen blade That lerned in scote pere by pere Suche maner doetryne as men blen here This is to sap to spngen and to rede As small chyloren do in her chylochede

Amonge these chylogen was a wydowes some a lytell clergyon/seuen yere of age That day by day/to scole was his wonne and cheatso/where f he sawe the ymage of Crystes mother/had he in blage as him was taught/to bacle abowne a say his auc maria/as be gothe by the way

Thus hath this wood her lytle fonne taught Dur bleffed lady/Cryftes mother dere
To wood hyp aperand he forgate it nought
for the fely chylde/wolde alway fone lere
But ape/whan I remembre me on this matere

Saput Apcholas fonte euer in mp prefence for he lo ponge to Capit Dyb ceuerence

This lytell chylbethis lytell boke letnyngs
As he late in the looletathis primete
He Alma redemptoris mater, herde lyngs
As chylbren letned her Antiphoners
And as he durft he drette are nece a nece
And herkened are the mordes and the note
Tyll he the frift bette coude all by rote

Aaught welt he what this laten was to lap
for he lo ponge and tender was of age
But on a day his felowe gan he prap
Co expowne him this longe in his langage
Dr tell hem why this longe was in blage
Chraptaphe he him to confire we a declare
full ofte temes boom his knees bare

Dis klower whiche that elder was than he Antwerd him thus this loge I have berde fap was made of our blelled lady fre Der to lale were eke her for to prey To be our helpe and locour whan we bey I can no more expowners this matere I lerne longe I can but lytell gramers

Ind is this longe made in reverence Of Crylles mother lapo this unocent

# The Briozeffeste

Robe certapne | I wpll do mp bpligence Co conne it all of Criftemas is all pwent Though that I for mp primer be f hent Ind f bulbe be beate thrife in an hour I wpll it conne our laby to honour

his felowe taught hym homwarde princly fro day to day tyll he coude it all by rote and than he longe it well and boldely fro worde to worde accordynge to the note was a day it passed thorowe his throte To scolewarde a homewarde whan he wente on Crystes mother set was all his entente

As I have (spo) thoso wout the Jurye. This lytell chyloe as he came to and fro full merily wolde he lynge and crye. D Alma redemptosis mater ever mo. The lwetnelle his herte perfed to. Of Criftes mother that he to her pray he can not fronte of lyngynge by the way

Dur first foe/the ferpent Sathanas
That hath in tues herte/his waspes nest
Tip swale and sappe/D ebzaike people asas
Is this a thynge/that is to you honest
That suche a bop/s hall walken as hym lest
In your dispre/Zsynge of suche sentence
Whiche is apenst our lawes reuerence

fro thence forthe the Jewes have conspyred This innocent/out of this worlde to chale In hompcide therto have they hyred Right at an aley that a prive place Ino as the chyloe gan forthe by to pace This cursed Jewe hym hentia helde faste Ind cutte his throte/and in a pytte hym caste

I fay that in a warderope they him thre we where as the Jues purgen her entrayle D curfed folke/of Derodes all newe what may your yuell entent you anaple Durder wyll out certayne/it wyll nat fayle And namely there & honour of god thall frede The blode out cryeth on your curfed dede

D mater/fowned bnto birgpinte Rowe mapft thouspinge folowing ever in one The whyte lambe celetipati quod pe Of whiche the great changelyft faint John In P ... mos wrote whiche lapth f thep gon Bet ... ne this lambe Alpnge a longe ape newe C at neuer flellhly woman thep ne knewe

This poore wpdowe awayteth all p nyght After her lytell chyloe and he came nought for whiche as lone as it was day lyght with face pale of drede and buly thought She hath at loole and els where him lought That fynally lo fer l he gan to elpre That he last lene was in the Jurge

With mothers pptie in her breft inclosed She gothe as the were halfe out of her mende To cucry place where the hath supposed By lykhyheed her lytell chylde for to fynde and ever on Cristes mother meke and kynde She cryde and at the last thus the wrough Amonge the curied tues the him lough

She al beth al he fremeth proudly Of every Jue, that owelled in that place To tell her if her childe went aught forth by They lapd nay but Jesu of his grace yase in her thought within a lytell space That in that place after her sonnes he crobe where he was castyn in a pyt bespee

O great god/that parfourmeft the laude By mouthe of innocentes to here the nieght This genime of chaftelle this emeraude And else of marterdome the rube bright There he with throte I cornen leght operable He Aima redemptoris gan to lenge So loude/that all the place gan to to renge

The crysten folkes that by the strete went In cames for to wonder byon this thyng And hastely they for the prouositient whiche fonds the chylde freshly pet bledying and herpeth Cristschat is of benen kynge. And eke his mother bonour of mankynde. And after that the sues let he bynde

This chylde with pytous lamentacion
Up taken was spingoing this songe alwey.
Ind with honour a great processyon
They carpe him in to the nette abbey
I) is mother swounding by his beccley

#### Theprologe of Chaucer.

Winneth my ght the people that was there This foromfull rachell bringen from the bere

With turment ? with Chamefull Dethe echone
This prouost bothe these tues so, to sterue
That of this murder wyst? that anone
De nolde no suche cursednesse observe
puell Chall he haues that puell wyst deserte
10hersozes with wylde horse he dyd hem trawe
And after he hanged hem by the lawe

Upon his berelage lyeth this innocent Befoze the hygh auter whyle the malle last And after that the abbot and his couent Hem specificated bury him tull fast And whan they holy water on hym cast yet spake this chyloel whan spreynt was holy he sangelo Alma redemptoris mater (water

This abbot whiche that was an holy man Is monkes ben of els ought to be This ponge chyloe to cumure he began Ind laph Dere chyloe I cumure the In the bertue of the holy trinpte Tell me what is thy cause to to spage Syn that thy throte is cut to my sempage

Ap theore is cut / buts myne necke bone Sapo this chyloe as by way of hynde I hulbe a beyoe pe longe tyme agone will felu Crift as pe in bokes fynde wyll that his glosp last and be in mynde and for the worl hyp of his mother dere pet may I spage alma loude and clere

This well of mercy Criftes mother (wete Jones alway as after my connynge and whan that I my lyfe (bulbe foxiete To me (he came) a bad me fox to lynge This antemerberdy in my dyenge As ye have herber whan that I had longe whe thought (he laybe a greyn on my tonge

Wherfore I lynge/a lynge must certeyn In honour of that blested maybe fre This from tongestaken is the greyn and after that thus land the to me App lycell chyldesthan well I feeche the Whan that the greyn is fro thy tonge ytake Be nat agast I well the nat toplake

This holy monkethis abbot hym meane I his tonge out caught toke away the greyn and he pake by the good full fortely and whan this abbot had this metuayle feyn his falte teares trylled downe as reyn and groutlynge plat he fyll to the grounde and tryll he lay as he had be phounde

The couent che/lap bpon the pament Weppinge and herpeng Criftes mother dere And after that bp they role/a forthe they went And toke away this marty; fro his bere And in a combe of marble frones clere Enclosen they this lytell body swete There he is nowe/god lene bs for to mete

O ronge Hewe of Apricolne layne allo with curled iewes/as it is notable for it is but a lytell whyle a go Pray che for bs/we lynfull folke buffable that of his mercy/god lo merciable On bs his great mercy multiply for reucrence of his mother Mary.

There endeth the Priorestes tale.
and here followeth the pros
loge of Chaucers
tale.

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Dan said was this myzacle every man in Assober was that wonder was to se Tyll that our hooft to sapen began and than at erst he loked byon me And sayd thus what man arte thou of he Thou lekest as thou woldest fynde an hare for ever byon the grounde I se the stare

Approche nereland loke by merily Aowe wate poulits a let this man have place be is hape in the walte as well as I This were a popet in an arme to embrace for any woman small and fayre of face be semethelups his countenaunce for voto no wyght bothe he balyaunce

Sannowe fom what fin other folke haue faid Cell be a tale of mysthe, and that anone Hoffe quod I/ne be nat yuell apaybe

#### Apmost ly Thopas

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pe of he that is good pnowe let by here
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Cher enoeth prologe/and here egynneth tyme of lyr





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Dis name was (p) Thoras phozne he was in fer countre In flaunders all be ponde the les At Woperpinge in the place 1) is father was a man full fre A lozde he was of that countre As it was goddes grace Syl Chopas wert a Boughty Chern 19 byte was his face as poyne meen i)is ipppes reed as role Dis rubbe is lehe fcaulet in graph As T tell pou in good certapn De had a femely note Dis hearer his berber was tyke faffron That to his gyzole rangin abound Dis Chone of coabewane Of Burges were hisbolen houne

Dis tobe was of Cyclatoun That cofte many a same De coude bunte at mplbe bete Ind tybe an haubynge for tyuete With grey gol baute on banbe Therto be was a great archere of waltlynge was there none his per There any Rami butbe fanbe full many a mapbe bright in bour They mourned to; bym paramour 10ban bem were bet to [ lepe But be was chafte and no lechour And (wete as is the bremble flour That beareth the reed bepe Ind to it fyll boon a bay foxothelas I you tell map Sp: Thopas wolbe out spbe He worde boom bes bore gray Ind in his bande a launcegap I longe (werde by bis fpbe De pricked thorome a fayre forest Therm is many a wploe beeft

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## Thetale of Chaucer.



ponge man that called was Apels lebeus of whiche was mighty and eyche begat a boughter upon his wree that salled was Prudences whiche boughter called was Sos

phpe bon a Day befull that be for bis Duporte went bym in to the feldes for to playe bis wyfe and his boughter bath be left within his boule of whiche the dozes were falle ( uptte. There of his olde foes hath it afpred and letten ladders bitto the walles of his boule, and by the wyne Domes been entreb in | and bete bis mpfe | and wouded his Doughter with frue moztall woun Destin frue londage places: that is to laptin ber fete in ber bandes in ber cares in ber nofe and in her mouthe and leften ber for beed and wen ten ber way. Whan Dellebeus retourned was in to his house, and lawe all this inplchiefe, he lpke a madde man rentpnge bis clothes began to mene and crec. ACC COM

tobere as be larthe. De is a fole o braroublein the mother to wepe in the Dethe of her cliptoe. tell be bathe wepte ber tell as to; a certapue terme : and than Chall a man de bie britgenes with ampable wordes ber no rotout and plan ber of ber wepringe to ceafe. for whiche sia Con this noble write pudence funsch ber but bande to wept and crpe as for a certaine (pace. And whan the lawe her trine the lay be to up an in this wyle. Alas my losoc (aid the may make pe pour lette for to be lybe a fole for loche it appertayneth nat to a wife man to make furbe to towe pour boughter by the grace of god (ball waruffe and escape: and all were it to that i be Erabenowe were Deed pene ought nat fo: bes Detge pour (elte to Diftrope. Senese farth the wpfe man Chall nattake to great byfcomforte. for o bethe of bis chelbren: but cectelle be ibulo fuffre it in pacience as well as be abyberty the Dethe of bis a wine propre person.

Rudece his wyfe as ferforth as the durit befought him of his weppinge to Apinte. But not for the began to wepe and repecuer lenger the more. This noble wyfe fambenes remembred her byon the femence of Duybe in his booke that cleped is the Kemedye of lone.

Dis Mellebeus answerde anone and Tapbe. What man shulde of his were pringe Brute, that have so great cause to wepe. Jesu Crus our losde hymicise wepte so the dethe of Landeus his stende. Ambence aunswerds seettelle well I wore sa temperate

## Chetale of Chauser.

weppinge is nothering befended to bem that is corowfull/amonge tothe in forowe: but it is ea ther grauted here to wepe. The apostle Paule bitto the Romanns writeth. Pany shall restople with hem that make toperand wepe with suche folke as princ. But a temperate weppings though it be granted him: outragrouse wespinge extessed before the him: outragrouse wespinge extessed before the lose that we expend thinds be combared after the lose that we enche techeth bs. When that the streets is deed sappe he: iet nat the before be so most of teares ne to moche drie: although the teares came to then exerties hem bat fall. Industry traces came to then exerties he best sucher trende and this is better the for some he another trende and this is better the for some per for the souther trende which though haste lost: the specific the botte. And the sage at thou governe the by saper ence put a way so we out of the better.

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## Thetale of Chancer.

tene and by countable of other that were wofer and last sorpringes for the nebe whiche we ben affembles in this place is full heup thong and bogs mater bycaufe of the wronge and of the mickennelle that hach ben Done and the bp tea fon of the great bomages that in tyme compag be pollphie to fall for the Came: and eke by read fon of the aceas epchelle and of the power of the parties boche: for the whiche it were a full greet parell to ereen in thes mater. Wheeler beus this is our entence! we countaple pou & bout all thenge that tight anone thou bo splis gence in hepping of the proppe persone in fuche wple that thou ne want none elppe ne watcher thy body for to lauci and after in thy housewe countaple that thou fet fufficpent gaenpfoul lo as they may as well the body as the house de fende. But sertelle for to meue warte ne fobens ip to to be vengtaunce/we may nat beme into letell teme that it Chaloe be profetable where fure me aften lepfer and frace to have belpbera cion in this cale to Denie/for p comen prouerbe larthe thus. We that fone bemeth/fone i hall res pente. And the men (ap that that suge is write that foore baberfranteth a mater and sugary by leplet. for all be stle that tarpenge be nops tuiti aigates et is nat co be centoned in peupna of sugementine in bengemmee takpage | whan it is infecid and reasonable. Indithat i bewed our losbe Telis cept by enfample: for whan the woman p was take in aduoutry was brought in his prefence! to knowe what Chalos be Do of ber persone: all be te that he well the well the lette what he wolde bo / pet ne wolde he andwere to bainly but be wolde baue Delpheracion and in the grounde be wrote twple. And by this chief we aske bely beracion and the Chall than by the grace of god countaple pou that change that is most motptable. Hip Statte than the pong folke at ones and the mode pacte of this companye have scornet this olde tople man and beganne to make nor fer and layben. Apply to as whyle that your is hate meme [ bulbe luipte | tpght to whyle that this thronge is feel be and ne wer I bulbe men weaken ber wonges: and with a loube boice they cryben that water. Made The role than one of their olde were men and made countenaunce with bis baode that into I buise boine bem Apil/and peus him audience. Luzbynges lapbe ber there is full many a man

that cepet .... ce warret that were full letell what me .e amounteth. Warre at his begyns nyinge hach lo great an entre and lo large that euery 'spett map entre whan bem tpheth and lught p tyride water: but cesseller what ende that werof fhall fall it is nat leght to knowe. for (othery when that waree is ones begon) there is full many adoptor buboine of his mo. thet that (hall ope and feene younge by cause of that watte of cistone in forome of bere in wietchponelle: and therfore of any water bes aprille I men mufte baue great counfaple and great beipberacion. Ind whan this olde man webe to have enforced his tale by cealons well ny ghe atthres beganne they all to a ryfe fo; to breake bus tate I and babbe full faft his wordes to a budge. forfothely | who that preacheth to bem that have no lus to bete bis tale bis woir des or his fermon anopeth bem. for Theius Antrake lanther that malphe in Deppnge 15 a nopoule styruge. This is as moche to fare as moche anaplatito (pete before folke) to whom bis (peche anopeche on it bothe to fringe befres byin that wepeth. And whan this olde man fator that be wanted audpence all fhamisfafte be fet him de ibne agapne. for salomen farth there as thou mapel baue none autopence in force the nat to Cpeke. I le well layo this tople man p the comer prourte is foche that go ab countable wanteth whan it is most nebe .

To have this Adellebens in his country policy many folke, that princip in his save countapled by a certaine them gest and countapled hom contrary in generall audpence. Whante Adellebeus latte that the greatest parts of his countaple were accorded that be shulled make warral anon he conducent bero to their countaplement and fully asymmetry their security.

D House lapter subence: I pou befecht as bettelp as I bare and canner ne halte pour act to take and for all questions fas peux ne authorise for poeces aliens lapthe! who lo bothe to the bucker good or hatmer halte the nate to acquetes! for in this wyle the fremme upil abyte! and there enemy that the lenges lyne in disco. The pronects lapther he halteth

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to all that can abyte topicly/and in totched haft

Dis Mellebens aufwerde to bis wyfe Dence / I purpole nat lagor be/ to perhe by the countagle for many caus tes and malous in certale enery wyght wold bolde me than a fale. This is to laye if I for the countarieng wolde chaungs thyrages that been apparate and affirmed by lo many wyle people. Decombly I laye that all women ben iniched a none good of hem all for of a thous lands men faget helomou I facto one pool ut of all momen/certelle good moman founde I never none. And allo certalized I goutene me by the courlagie it ( buibe feme that ] hab grue to the oues me the mattheye : and god for bede that it were lo. for Jalus Strak lapthe! that if the wefs have the mapfitpe! ( be is cons tratious to ber bulbabe. Ind Salomon farth to the wefer me to the chetter me to the frember mener in thy lyte ne year potner offer thy felfe. fo; better it were that the chelpren afte of the thyuges y bem nebeth/ then thou le thy felfe in the handes of thy childrenia certails if I thuibe werke by countarional my countaris must be Countyine Cocrete tell it were trine pit mufte be knowe: this map nat beuf I Chulde be couns Capled by the for women can kepe no coularie.

Dan Dame Banbence full Debonapalp! 10 and with great pacyence bab berbe all that her bulbanbelphed forto lap than alked (be of hom lycence for to lpeake and faid in this tople. Aby lorde lapas thei as to pour to it ceason it maps legitle be authoribe for ] Cape that it is no folge to chaunge countaples whan the thringe is chaunged of els when the thenge lemeth otherwele than it was beforne: and more ouer I lay though ? pe baue (worne and behratt to perfourme your empale and by tufte caule pe bo it nat! men Chulbe nat lape therfage that ye were a tyes ne for warne: for better. Ind all be it (o that y our compair be cha the bake laythe I that the tople man maketh wo theb and asbeyned by great multytube of playest base ye not accomply the that fame promatice but you lybe: for the trouth of thym rest and the profess becather founde in fewe

folks that ben tople and full of reason than by gret multptube of people/tobere euery man da tereth what that hym lyft: fothly fuche multy, sube of people is nat boneft. And to the feconde realon where as pe lapne that all momen ben mpched: faue pout grace/cetteffe pe Dupple all women in this wple. And be that all dylppicth all pulplealeth/as laythe the boke. Ind Senek (arth/ who to well baue (appence (ball no man bulpraple but be (ball glably teche the fepence that be can/withouten prelupcion of pribe/and Cuche thynges as be can nat/ be fball nat be as Chameb for to lerne bem / and enquire of latte folkethan bym feife. And that thete bath been many a good woman it mape be pieued. for and moine never bucenbe for to be borne of a woman if all momen had be wicked and after that for the great bounte p is in our lorde Ter Cu C rpft/whan be was rpfen from Dethe to lyfe appeted rather to a woman than to bis apor fels: and though that Salomon (ard be fonde neuer woman good/ pet foloweth nat therfoze! that al women ben miched: for though be fonos no good woman / certelle many another man bath fouden many a moman full good and full trewe. Di els paramenture thentent of Salos mon was this that in fourtaine boute be fonde no moman: this is to lap/that ther is no wight (a good that be ne wanteth fome of the perfe ction of god that is bis maker.

Dus thy ibe reason is this pe (aperthat if pegouente pou by my councapte it Chuide Ceme p pe had peue me the maps ftep and the last typ ouer your perfonc. hys faue your grace it is natio: if it fo were that no man f bulbe be coulapted but onely of hem that had loaded byp and martery of his person, men wolde nat be countapled to ofce as they ben: for Cothip that man that afteth countable of a pur pole/pet bath be his fre chopce whether be well merke by that countaple of nat, and as to your fourth realon there that pe lap that the langle spe of women can nat byte thonges that they knowe: as who lapthe a thoman can nathode bot f be mote. Spy thele morbes ben to buber Cambe of women y ben langlerelles a wickeb! of whiche women men lape that the thonges buman a man foone out of his boule that is to tape (moke | broppinge of tapne | and topched

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woues. Ind of luche women layth Salomoni that it were better to dwellen in opferte ithan with a woman that is trotous: and fir by rour leaue that am nat T: for pe haue full ofte als (aped my great fplence and my great pacience) and eke how well I can by ben and heate then? ges that men ought fecretly to bybe. Ind foths ly as to your fyfthe reason where that pe save that in wicked countable women barnque The men. God wote that reason ftandeth here in no ftebe: for binderftandenowe/that ve afke couns Caple to do wyckednesse. And if ye will werke wickednelle and your wyfe restrapne y wice ked purpole and ouercome you by reason and by good countable: certelle your wyfe ought cather to be prayled than to be blamed. Thus Chulde pe binderstande the Byplosopher that wycked women baynquy The her bulbandes. Ind there as pe blamen all women and her rea Consi I Chall Chewe by enfaumple that they be good and profprable. Eke fome men baue fapo that the countable of women is to decejo; els to lytell of pice. But all be it for that many wor men be badde and ber countagle guell and nos thynge worthe: pet haue men founce full many a good woman and diferete and wyle in coun-Capling. Lo Jacob/by the countayle of his mos ther Rebeccas wanne the bleffpinge of plaaching father and the load bpp ouer all his bretherne. Judyth by her good countagle deliguered the cptie of Beethule (in whiche the Dwelled) out of the handes of Dliphernes that had befreged it and wolde haue it opftroped. Abigaple Des lyucted Aaball her hulbande fco Daupo the hynge that wolde haue (lapne hym: and peas led the pre of the binge by her wytte and by her good countaple. Beller by her countaple ens hanced greatly the people of god in the reggne of Affuerus the bynge. And the fame bounte in good countaplyinge of many a good woman men mape tell. Ind che moje ouer whan our lorde god had made Moam our former father be lapd in this wple: It is nat good man to be a lone make we to bym an belpe femblable to himselfe. Lo here may be se that if women were nat good and ber countable good and profitas ble our loade god of Wenen wolde neuer hane wrought hem/ne called hem helpe of man/ but rather confusion of man. In othere land ones a clerke in two berfes: what is better tha falpar?

Modebom what is better than wolebome woman: what is better than a good woman? no then .c. Ind foly! by many other realous map y let that many women ben good a their coun aple good and profptable. Ind therfore if pe voll truft to mp countaying Thall reftoie pou pour doughter hole and loude. Indeae & well do to moche that pe thall have bonour in this case. Whan Mellebe had heroe the work Des of his wyfe Daubence he lapbe thus. Tle well that the wordes of Salomon is Cothe. De Capthel the wordes that been spoken descretely by ordenaunce ben bony combes for they veue (wetenelle to the loule and hollomnelle to the bodp. Bicaufe of the fwete woides and che fo: I have all aged and preued the great laprence and the great trouthe / I well gouerne me be thy countaples in all maner thange. Howelr: Capo dame Dudence fpn pe bouchelaufe to be goucened by my coularle I well enforme bout howe re ( hall gouerne you in cholinge of rour tounlaple. I first tofoze all werkes refball beseche the hygh god that he be your could le and Chape you to luche entent that he newe you countaile and comforteras Thobectanger bis fonne. It all tymes thou I ball pleafe and playe bun to dielle the wages : and loke that all the coulaple be in him for euermore. Savne Tame cke (arthe if any of you have nobe of (aprence afke it of god. Ind after that than I ball be take countable in your fette and examene well your thoughtes of luche thruges as re thinke that ben beft for your profyte and that hall reditue aware from your bettes tho thonace that ben contratious to good confaple. This is to fap Tre Couetyle and haltenelle, frift be that albeth countable of him felfe: certolle he mult be withouten Tre for many cauleg. The frite is this that be that bath areas Treand weathe in bem felfe, he weneth al ware to bo thende that he may nat bo. Ind fecondely be that is trous and Weathefull | mave nat deme well : and be that maye nat deme well mare nat well counfarle. Another is this that be that is frous and wathefull: as farthe Seneke mare nat (peke but blamefull thenges: and with his bus croufe toozoes be freeth other folke to angre and to pie. Ind che fri pe mufte Ditue coucipfe out of your herte for the apolite layth that couetple is the rote of all barmes. Inderal well

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that a Couctoute man carme nat Deme well ne thouse, but onely to fulfyll the ende of bis car uetyle and certelle that mape neuer be accome plpffbed: for euer moze/ the moze babundance a man bathe of rpchelle, the moze be defpreth. And we muste also depue out of your bette bas Apnelle. for certelle pe maye nat deme for the belte baltely a Codarne thought that falleth in pour berte: but pe mult aude pou on it full ofte. for as pe berbe to fore the commen prouerbel whiche is this. De that Coone Demeth Cone res penteth. 972/ pe be nat alway in lpke bilpofps cion: for certelle lometyme luche thynge as les meth that is good for to bo a nother trine it (es meth to rou the contrarpe. Ind whan pe haue take coufaple in pour felfe, and have beined by god belpberacion (uche thenge as femeth pou befte : than I countaple you to beke it lecrete! And bewrap nat pour coulaple to any parion! but if it to be that we were liketly that through your bewaying your codition ( ball be to you the more profytable. for Jelus Strake lapth: nepther to thy frende ne to thy foe Dylcouer nat thy fecrete countable me thy folye: for they well yeue the audyence lokpinge and Supportpinge in your prefence and fcome yourn poure abe fence. In other clerke laythe that fearfelp Chalt thou fynde any persone, that mape kepe counfaple fecretly. The boke faythe whyles that thou kepelt thy countaple in thy bette/thou kes pell it in the persone: and whan thou weavelt it to any wpaht be holoeth the in his fnare. And therfore it is better to by de pour coulaple in your herte than prap him to whome ye have bewraped pour countaple that he wolde kepe it clofe and fiyll. for Senecalapthe ifit lo be that thou ne mape thy countagle hope: Howe datelt thou prage any other wyght to byde thy countable and bepe it fectete. But netheleffe if thou wene lykerly that thy bewrapenge of thy countaple to a persone | wyll make the condes cyon/ fronden in the better plyatt! than fhaite thou tell hom the countagle as in this wele.

Trite thou Chalte make no Cemblaunce/
whether the were! wer peace of warrel
of this of that: ne Chewe Spm nat the well ne
thene entente. for trult well of comunely their
countagiours been datterers, namely the coun
catiours of great logdes. for they enforce them

alwayer rather to fpeke plapfaunt woodes ene dunpage to the lozdes lufte than wordes that been trewe and profytable. And therfore men Cayne | that the syche man hathe Celbe whanne good counfaple but if be haue it of bym felfe. And after that thou I halt confedge the frendes and thene enempes and as touchginge the fren Dec thou f balte confroet whiche of hem been moffe trewe | wpfett | mofte tapthefull | oldeft | and molte approved in countapipnge. Ind of bem (batte thou alke thy countapte as the cafe requireth. I lape fyilte that pe Chall clepe to pour counfaple/pour frendes that ben treme. for Salomon Capthe , tyght as the herte of a man Delpteth in lauoure that is (wete: tpabt fo the councapte of true frendes peueth (wetnelle to the foule. De faythe allo there may nothping belpkened to a trewe frende. foz certelle golde ne fyluer be nat fo moche worthe as the good well of a trewe frende. Indeke be lapthe that a trewe frende is a great defence who p it fons Dethi certelle be fonocth a great trefour. Than Chall ye cae bnderstande if that pour true fren des ben defercte and wele. for the boke farth. Mise alwar the countaile of hem that ben wefe and by this fame reasons hall ye clepe to your coularles of your frendes that ben of age whis che that baue fene many thonges and been ere pette in bruers thringes: and be approved in counsaylinge: for the boke saythe in olde men is the Cappence and in long tome the pubence. And Tullpus lapthe that great thenges been nat are accomply Thed by Arength ne by Delye uernelle of body: but by countaple and by aus ctorite of persones and by sepence: the whiche thie thynges ne be nat feble by age: but certelle they enforce and encreace daye by daye. Ind than f ball pe kepe this for a generall rewle.

Teste shall periepe to your counsaple a fewe of your frendes that been speciall. for Salomon saythe: Many a frende have thou but amonge a thousande chose the one to be thy counsaplour. for all be it so that thou freste til the counsaple to fewe: thou mapel after telle the counsaple to moo folke if it be nede. But sooke all waye that the counsaplours have tho three condecends that I have say beforne. That is to say that they be trued wyle and of olde experyence. And werke nat

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alway in every nebe by one counceflour alone. for Comtyme it behoueth to be conceilled by ma np. for Salomon fayth. Saluacion of thena! is there where be many councepflours. Ao me fythe I have tolde you of whiche folke that re Chulor be counceplied: Aome woll I tell/ which counceff pe chall escheme. firtt pe (ball escheme the counceflying of foles. for Salomon farth. Take no councepil of a fole : for be can nat cour cepil/but after bis lufte and his affection. The boke (atthitbat the properte of a fole is this. De troweth barme legitie of cuery weather and lyghtly troweth all bounte in hymfelfe, peshall alfo efcheme the coucerffrig of flaterers fuch as enforce hem!rather to praple por persone by flas terper than to tell you the fothefalmelle of thens ges. Wherfore Tullius lapth. Amonge all the pellilences that ben in frendlipp the greatelt is flatetpe: and therfozelit is moze nete to ofchem and diebe flaterers than any other people. The boke faith. Thou Chalt rather fire and diebe the (wete wordes of flaterers apparfers than the egre wordes of the frende that lapth to the the lothes. Salomon latth that the wordes of a fla tererisalnare to catche innocétes. De latth alfo De that lapth to his frende wordes of [wetnelle and of plefaunce fetteth a nette befoze his fete to catche bpm. Ind therfore fapth Tulli? . Endine natthen cares to flaterers ne take no counceil of wordes of flaterye. Ind Catonlayth. Juple the well to eschewe wordes of flaterne of swet, nelle tof plelauce. Inbeke b (balt efcheme the counceillying of then olde ennempes that ben ces cociled. The boke farth , that no wratt retout, nethin to the grace of his olde enempes laufely. Ind Plopelapth. At trult nat to hem we whom thou halt fomtyme had watte of enempte ine tel nat bem the couleel. Ind Seneke telleth y caus le why it may nat be / afapth. Where as a great frze hath longe tyme enduced/pt there ne bwel. leth Come bapour of warmnelle. Ind therfore laith Salo. In then olde foitruft thou nener: for truelp though then enemy be reconfiled 4 maketh the chere of humilite/and louteth to the with his beed ne truft hom neuer the moze. for likerly be maketh that fepned humilite moze for his owne profite I than for the loue of then owne persone because be bemeth the to have bectoipe ouer his persone i by fuche fepnet countenaucei the whiche bictozec be myght nat have by firefe

ne ware. ! ... Alfons fapth . Bake no felow ! Thep wir then olde enempes for if thou bo thep well pr wetten it to wickennelle. And eke thou must chewe the councepll of suche that ben the ferue integ, and beren the great teuerence : for paraucture ther far more for brebe than for loue And therfore farth a philosopher in this wele. There is no wratt partrabile true to bem that he loze bredeth. Ind Cullius laith. There is no weath so great as an emperour that longe map endure but if be have more love of bis Leople than diebe. Thou fait efche me the councer !! of folke that ben bronkelewe for they can no cour ceplibabe. for Salomon (apthirthere is no par uite / where as repaneth bionkenelle, pe fhall alwap baue in suspecte suche folke as councepil pou one thong prively and counceill you the cotrary openip. Callibore (aith) that it is a manet flerant to benoze whan a man the weth to bo one thong openly and wirketh the cotrary pur uelp. Thou shalt also have in suspecte the count ceilliping of wicked folke. for the boke faith that the could of wicked tolke its alway ful of fraue De. Ind Daufd farth that bleffull is that man that bath nat folowed the councepil of wicked folke. Thou fhalt allo elcheme the counceilippo of pongefolke for her councepil is not type.

Delir fyth I baue fbewed pou al chis of whiche folke pe that take pour councepil/and of which folke pe that elche we their councerll . Aome woll I tell pou bowe pe Chall cramine pour counfepil. Ifter the doctrine of Cullius in craminpinge than of pour coun cerllo's reshal consider many thonges. Ilder fielt thou flat confider that in that theng that thou arte purpoled and boon what thou fhalt have councepll that bery trouthe beland and conferued. This is to lap tell all trucky the tale: for he that farth falle may nat well be code cepiled in that case of the whiche be leeth. 3nd after this confider thre thenges that accorde to that thou purpolett. firthe for to bo by the cour fellours if reason accorde therto. Ind the if the might map attapne therto. Ind if the more part and the better parte of thy counfeyllo's accorde therto orno. Than thak thou confrber what thrng (ball folowe of that concepling as bate) peace warre grace/profite or domage a many other thinges. Ind of all thefe thrng thoufbalt

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confeder of what sote is engenber the mater of the counceplicand what fruit it map concerne & engendzen. Thou (balt confport eke all the caus les from whens they be (prongen . And when pe baue examined pour coucepillas I baue (atb! and whiche part is the better and more profita. blerand baue approued by many wpic folks and olde. Then (belt then confeder if thou map per fourme tt/and make of it a good ende. for reald molde/natthat any man (buld begynne a thinge but if be might perfourme it as him ought ne no man (buide take on bem (o beup a charge ! that be might not bere it. for the prouerbe lapth / be that to moche enbraceth biltrepneth lytell. and Catonfapth alfo. Allay to Do luche thinges as thou half power to bo , onelelle that the charge oppresse theto fore. Ind that the behoueth to meaue that thinge/that thou baft begonne! and if that thou be in boute whether thou may perfourme it noznat / chole rather to luffre than to bearnne. Ind Beter Alfons (apth/ if thou balte might to bo a thinge whiche thou must repent! It is better nap than perthat is is to lap that it is better to holo the tonge Bell/thanfoz to fpeken. Than mapft thou bndertande bp ftrenger reas fong pt if thou balt power to performe a werkel the which thou fall sepentithan it is better that thou fuffce thá begen . Son thep that Defenden enery wyaht to affap a thinge of the which be is in bout whether be may perfoueme it og no. Ind after whan pe haus exampned pour councepill as I have lapo beforne and knowe well that pe map perfourme pour emprile / conferme it than ladip tplitt be at an ende.

The we to is reason sapo the and tyme that ye may chaunge your councepliours withouten represe. Sothly a man may chaunge his councepliot his purpose of the cause ceaseth of whan an other cause begynneth for the lawe boon this greethat newly betypen behoueth newe coccepit and Seneca sayth: if that the councepit come to peaces of weeked menthyn enempes chauge the councepit thou maps also chaunge the concepit that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be errour, of thou synde any other cause that there be off honest of eightherest that all beheirs that ben bishonest.

ben of no baleme. And eke if (o be that it be inspossible or map nat goodly be gformed or kept take this for a generall sule that every councept that is affermed to strongely that it may nat be chaunged for no condicion that may betype I a lap that ylke counceyll is mycked.

tepne of his wofe dame Paudence/he an sered in this wofe. Dame lapd he / as pet in to this tyme pe have comenably taught me/as in generallihowe Ashall governe me in chespinge/and withostopinge of my counceplours. But now wolde I sapne that pe wolde conditioned especiall / and tell me howe lyketh / or what semeth pou be pour counceplours / that we have chosen in our present nedes.

p loade lapbe the 13 beleche you in all bumblelle that pe well nat wilfully cer plpe agapuft mp reason/ne distemper your bert thoughe I (peac thonge that you displease , to) god mote that is nat mpn entent ! I fpeke it for pour belifo; pour bonout and profpte eke. Ind lothelpi I hope that pour benignite woll take it in pacpece that pour councepilias in this cafe ins (bulbe nat as to [peke properly/be called a counceilpng | but a montepon of a meupinge folge | in whiche councepil pe have erreb in thaffembling of pour counceplours. for pelbulde fire have cleppo a fewe folke to pour councepil and after premight have themed it to mo folke i if it pad benebe. But certes/pe baue iodeiilo elepeb to pour councepilla great multitude of people full chargeaunt | and full anopous for to here. Alfo pehaue erryd for there as pelbuloc haue clerro to pour councepil, pour treme frendes olociand wple, pe baue cleped traunge foike / falle and flatterers | senempes reconfiled | and folke that Don pou reuerence without loue. And also pe baue erreb! for pe have brought with you pre/co uetple and baltprielle i the whiche thre thringes ben contratpous to cuery boneft councepill and profytable and whiche thre thinges pe baue nat amenuled ne bilitoped , nepther in pour felfe ne in pour conceptiouts/as pe cuabt.pe baue erred alto for pe have theteed to pour councepliours pour talent and pour affection! to make warre anonia for to bo bengaunce. Thep have afppeb by your menying to what thyinge pe be inclyned!

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and thetfore baue they councevied powrather to pour talent than to pour profete, pe have erred allo for pou femeth that it fuffreth pou to have be councepled by thete counceplours onely and with lytell auple. Where as in fo great nebe and lo bpett bao be necellary mo counceplours and more beitberacion to perfourme pour emprele. pe baue erret ello /foz pe haue nat eraminet po? councepil / in the l'ogfapt mater) ne in Detpe mas neer as the cale requireth. pe haue erren / for pe baue made no beuifion betweet pour councep, jours. This is to lap between pour frendes and pout fepnet coucepioursine pe haue nat knome the woll of your frendes olde and wole. But ve have call all ber wordes in an butchepot and en clined po' bert to the moze pert & to the greatter nombre and by you condition bed. And also / pe wote well that men (bul alway fynbe a greatter part of nombre of foles , than of wyle men. Ino therfore the councepiles that ben at congregas cions and multitude offolke there as men taken more remarde to the nombre than to the lappece of persons pe fe well that in suche councepilping! foles baue the mailtry.

There is a warke of the beupil.

Dence and lapd/examine pour councepti and let bale whiche of hem have [poken moß re lonable/and taught you belt councepti. Ind for as moche ! as the examinacion is necessary ! let ba begyn at Surgeons a philiciens/that fyill [peken in this mater ! I say you that the Surgeons and the pheliciens have lapde you different and the pheliciens have lapde you different as them ought. So, they say full wpfely! that to the office of hem it appearament to do! to every wpght honour and profpt! I no wpght to ennoye. Ind after their craft / do great bely gence but the cure of hem! the which they have in governaunce. Ind springly as they have an liverde wpfely a discretely! ryght so I cede you

that they ! bly and loweratily querboned for her no' .... che and the forther fhulb bo the more ent .. ityfe bulpnelle in the cue acton of pour bough a: for all be it forthat they be pour frent Des. Cheriege hall pe nat fuffre that thep fhall leem pou for nought. But pe ought to gwerbon benwand theme bem largelle. Jab as touchping that the Whatciens encrealed in this raft ! that ts to lay that in matabyle one contrarpe is mas splided by a nother contracpe / I wolde fayne knowehowe pe bnbertfabe that terre and what 15 pour lentence. Certes lapo Bellebens Tone Derftanbethat in this mpfe. That rpgtd as thep baut bone me a cotrarpous right right is (buit 3 do hem an other for trothe as they have bene ged bem on me a don me wionge right fofter o benge me on bem and bo bem wronge fand than have T cureb one contrarge by an other co trarpe.lo (ato Dame Dubence/bone lightin is succeman encloned to his owne before and his owne pleafaunce . certes fait fbeithe morbes of the Philiciens (buit nat be bnberftande inchis mpleifo; certes michebnelle is nat contractions to wickebnelle ve bengeance to bengeance int Bosonge to Bosonge but energeb of hem energa. lpth and sugredayth other. But certes the mos bes of the Bhiltciens thut be bnberthanbe m this wefe. for good and weckennelle be two contrarpous and peace and marre bengeance and luffrance and bulcord and accorde a many other thinges. But certes/weckebneile ibail be marpifped by goodneffe 1 5 bifco; be by acco:00/ # watte by peace/and to faith by other thinges! and hereto accorde thapat and thapathell in many places. Defaith/pelo nat barme to barme ne wpcked (peche to wpcked (peche but be well to him that Dothe the barme and bielle him that Capth the harme. Ind in many other places be larth and abmontilbeth peace and accorde. But now woll I (peke to pou of the counceril which that was reve to you by the men of lamel a reple folke that fapten all by one accorde as pe baue becheithat ouer all thinges pe thuib bo bilingice to kepe pour persone to warnfraze pour house. Indiapten alloithat in this cafe prought for to werken full admiedly and with great differend a beliberacion. Inbipylas to the fyzit portthat toucheth the kepping of pour person: perhall but berftande p be that bath warre i thall curmose behoutly and mekely beleken a prayen before

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all thenges i Jalu childe of his merry i that he well-auchemin his presection and be his for eapne belose as his never for secres in this wer herthere to no topghe that may be councepted no herblufficiently bithout the hepping of our lost Tefu chase : De thes entent / accordeth the pro phete Buyothat faith I if god ne kepe f citeitn poell meketabe that bepethat. Acmips, than foull pe commette the keppings of pour personer to pour trette frembes, that ben pproups and knowen . Ind of them that ye afte beipe / pout perion to kepe. for Cathon lapth ! ifthou have neve of beiper are it of the frembe. Ind after thesi than fall pe bepe you from all fraunge folkes! and the lecte ! A bane alway in fulpecte bes come pant. for Bette Mifons (apth) netake no topa npe by the way of fraunge men: but if it fabe! that thou have knowen bem before tyme. Ind the to berthat petace nat knowen bem and will nee beg fall in the company paramenture without then secent i enquere than as lubtelle as beant or mapft of his convertacion I and of his lefe ber fore. Ind farnethy way and farithat thou welt no the berias thou wolt nat go, and if be bere a (pere/holde the on the epitt (phesand if bebere a (morne holde the left febe. Tho after thus than thall pekepeyon wplety / from all fuche manes people ( as ] baue (apt before )and bem and ber councepit efcheme. Ind after this than thall pe kepe you in fuche maner that for any prefumeso of your firength that ye ne belpple ne attempt nat the might of your abuerlary. And thus bei ware that pe let nat the kepping of pour personel for any prefamption. for euerp wpfe man bree beth bis enempe. Inb Safomon (apth/ wplfull is be that of no thenge bath breve. for cettes/he that through the bardenelle of his bert or of him felfe bath to great prefumpcion/hymfhall cupil betybeithanthall you evermoze i countremapte enbullementis in [peciati. fo; Seneke lanth the wole man that Drebeth harmes i efcheweth batmes int be fatieth in no parply that perpit ef the weth. And al be it forthat theu feme that thou be in likes place , pet (bait thou bo almaye bely. gence in keppings of the persone not onely from thy greattest enempes but from the lest enempe. warpe fapth that the lytell welf woil fee a great bole athe great bette. And the boke fapthi that a lytell thome may procke the kyinge full sope. And an bounde will fiel the world bozerbut

nethelelle I fap nat that thou fhalt be fo comard that thou boubt | where as is no brede | the boke lapth/that fom folke have great luft to bifcepue! but pet they dreben bem to be discepted thou that brede to be enpoploned the kepe the from the copany offenzners. for the boke faith with froz ners make no company. But fige ber wordes as benpm. Ram asco the leconde poput where as pour wole counceillours concepled pou to warn fore pour boufe with areat belygence I wolde fayne knowe howe that pe buderfrande the wor Des and what is the fentence : Dellebeus and (werde and (appleettes I boderlande it in this wpfe! that I shall warnstoze mp boule with toward fuche as becaltels and other maneredt foces with armure and other maner artyllary, by fachethynges which I may my perfone and mp boule to befenden that myne enempes that be to brede mp houle for to approche.

Dthis fentence anfwerde anone 10200 bence I warnstozpinge lapth the of great toward | and ebefices | with great collages and great trauaple. Ind whan that they be accoma pliffbediret be ther nat worth a Grame. But if they ben perended by treme frendes that ben old and wple. And buderftand well that the greate tell and frongelt garifon that a riche man map haveles wel to kepe his perione as his goodis that be be beloued with his fubacttis and with bis nepabbours. for thus lapth Cullius I that there is a maner garplonip no man map bayns outilbene biscomfitte and that is a lozde to be belowed of his cytesing and of his people. Aow (p2/as to pour thp2de poput where as pour wple and olde counceptiours lapbe I that pe ne ought nat (openip ne haftely to proceden in this nevel but that pe oughten to putuep and apparelen in this cale with great belpgence and great belps beracion ! trewelp I trome thep fapoen ryght wpleip a tight lothe: for Culli' lapth ineuery neve erethou begyn / pet aparpli the with great beligence. Than fpth than in bengeauce taking in warrelin batapil and in warnftering/er thou begen! Trebbe that thou aparpil the therto and Do it with arest beliberacion. Toz Tullius faith that longe apparaignge before the batagil /mas keth (hozt bictozpe. And Calliodze latth/that the carpion is the frenger whan it is longe tome adutled. But nowe let be speke of the councepill

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that was accorded by your neighbours / fuche as done pou renerence withouten loue/pour old enemies reconciled pour Aaterers that coucepil pou certapne thonges openipi And preuelp cous cepli pou the contrarpe. The ponge foike that councepil pou to avenge pou ! and make watte anone. Certes (palas Thauelaid befozeipe haue greatly erred to have cleped fuch maner of folke to pour councepil , whyche counceplours ben phough repreued aforefapt by reason. But ne. uetthelette let benowe bescende to the special, pe (ball fpit procede after p boctrone of Culty) Certes the trouth of this mater of of this coun. ceplinedeth nat dilpaetly tenquire. for it is wift well whiche thep be that have bone to pouthis trespalle and belong I and howe many trespal, fours and in what maner that they have bo to pou all this wronge and all this belonge. Inb after this Thall pe exampne the (ccobe cobicion/ whiche that the lame Cullius addeth in this lar me mater. for Tufftus putteth a thinge which that he calleth confentping. That is to lap who ben thep and whiche ben thep and howe many confenten to this councepil in the wilfulnelle to bo hally bengeaunce, And let confiber alfor who bethey and home many bethey that confenten to pour abuerlacies/and certes / as to the frafte poput it is well knowed whiche folke they be p confented to pour balty wplfulnelle. for certes all the p counceiled pouto make lodepne warre be nat pour frendesilet be no me confiberi whis the be thep that peholden fo greatly your frene beg las to pol persone. for all be it so that pebe fo mighty and tyche cettes pe be but clone. for pehaue no chtidebut a doughter. Ac pe baue no biethernene coling Germang ne none other kin rede. Wherfore that pol enemies for drede fhuld April to plete with pour of differen pour person Ve knowe allo that pour richelle must be Dilpen bed in byuers parties a whan that every wight bath bis part they ne will take but lytell reward to bengen pour beth. But pour enemics ben thre and they baue many chylosen/betherne/coling/ and other npabe konrede. And thoughto were that thou habbell flamet wo or three of bem i pet owellen there proughe to meten ber beth and to fleethp perfone. Inv though to be that pour kynrene be moze (pher and fleofaft chanche bin ted of pour abuerfarpegipet neuertheleffe pour honcede and but after honcede they be but lotell

Subget ! ou. Inb the kontebe of your enemics ben nir ulibbe to bern. Ind ceetes as in that ber condition is better than pours I than let be cont (poe alloit that the councepil of bem that couns cen I pou to take loben bengeaunce | whether it accorde to reason or no. Ind certes pe knowe well nap. for as by right or reason there map no man take bengeaunce on no wight but the Juge that bathe the juciloiction of it whan it is graunted bym to take that bengraunce baftely o; attemperatip as the lame requireth. Ind pet moze ouer of that word that Tullius (apth/and clepeth confentynge I thou thatt confider if the might and the power may confente and fuffece to the wilfulneffe and to the counferiours. Ind certes thou mail well (ap nap for fpherly as for to (peke properly we may do no thrnge but one ly fuche thinges as we may bo rightfully. And certes thou mapft rightfully takeno bengaunce as of pour proper auctorite. Than map pele p pour power ne confenteth ne accordeth pour mel fulneffe i let by examine the thribe popule that Tullius clepeth confequent. Thou (balt bnber fandethat the bengeaunce that thou purpoleft to take to confequent. Ind therof folo meth ano. ther bengeaunce perill and warre and other bo mages without nombie of which we be nat war as at this tyme land as touchyage the fourthe part that Tullius clepeth engendignae. Theu fhalt confeder that this wionge whiche is don to theirs engendeed of the bate of thene enemies and of bengeaunce/cakping boon bem that wold engenble a nother bengeaunce a moche logo me and waltping of cychellelas Iland before. A om (pras to the fofth point whiche that Cultius cle peth / caules whiche is the last popul/thou feste binderstande that tike wronge that thou hast ter cerued bath certapne caules whiche that clerkes clepen / orriens and efficience | and caufa lonatingual and caula propingua this is to lap the ferre caufe and the nighe caufe. The ferre caufe is aimposty god i that is cause of all thenges. The nece cause is the thre commies. The cause acceptical washare. The cause materiall is the frue woundes of the boughter. The caufefore malisthe cause offer worthing that broughten labbers and clomben in at the wondowes. The caule fpnail was to fleethe boughter it letteb nat in as moche as in bem was. But forto focke of this fynall causes as to what ende they shall

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Come to What fall finally bety be of bem in thes tale nevan I nat bemei but by contectynge and Suppolying. Tog welhall suppole that thep fhall come to a mycheb enbe bycaule that the boke of the Detrees farth : felbe of with great papire be ragies brought to a good ende I whan thep be bably begonne:nowe (part men wolde are me wby that god fuffeeth men to bo this belonge! certes Tean nat well antwere/aufor no Corbfaft, nelle. for thapoftell fatthithat the fetente and the sugementis of our loade god almighty ben full bepe. There map no man comprehende ne ferche bem fufficiently i netheleffe by certapne prefumptions stoniectpig/ I bolbe and beleue that wight that is full of Judper and rightfule nelle bath luffred this to betpbe by tuft caule 4 refonable. The name is Mellebe, that is to fap! a man that Darnketh bonp:thou ball baonken fo moche bong of frete temporell richeller and ber lices of bonour of this worlde that thou arte Dionke and halt fordoren Jefu chaifte the creas toute. Thou ne halt bon to him luche bonour & reverence as thou oughteft ne thou ne haft well taken kepr of the wordes of Ourbe that farth. Minder the bony of the goodes of the body is hid benym that frent the foule. 3nd Solomon Capth if thou ball found homp cate of it that fuf fpleth. for if thou eate of it out of meluzeithou Chalt (pete i and be neby and poose) and paras uenture Chrift bath the in Difpite and bath tout neb away fro the bis face and bis mileticoide. And allo be bath full red that thou balt be punife thed in the maner that thou half trefpaced: thou haft don fpnne againe our lozde Telu chrift. for cirties the thie enemies of manyrabel that is to Cave the ficifhet the fender athe world thou haft fuffred bem for to entre in to the best wifully be the wyndowes of thy body and ball nat before bed the leffe (ufficiently againfte bet affaute 4 her temptacions lo that they have wounded thy Coule in frue places that is to Cap the beebly (pn nes that ben enteed into the bette i be the frue myttes. And in thes maner our loade Telu chaift bath fuffred that the thre enemies ben entred in to the house I be the membole I g have mounded the boughter in the maner afeglaph.

T Ertes fatt Mellebel Ile well that pe ene force pou mykell by wordes to outcome me infuche maner as I Chalinat benge me of mpn enemies Shempinge me the parpil and the euplichet might befall of this bengeaunce. But who lo wolde confeder in all bengeauncesibe parell and the eupli that mpatt fewe of benger aunte takpng la man wolde neuer take benger aunceland that were barme for by bengeaunce takpnae ben wicked men bilceuerd fro the good men. Ind they that have well to bo wickednelle restrepne her wicked purpose I whan they se the punilibringe and the chaftifringe of the trefpal. Cours. Ind pet lap I mozeithat right as by fpn. quier prefumption be fpnneth in takpnge bengeauce of another manitight to finneth the luge if betate nat and bo bengeamnce on hem that it bage beferueb. Senekelarth thus that maifter is good be lapthichat repreueth lbre wes. And Callioble layth a man brebeth to bo outragy, pull pi whan he wete and kno weth that it bifplea leth the tuges and loverains and another latth the mge p brebeth to bo right maketh fbremes. And fapnt Boule thapolicil faithibume be ware teth to the tomaphe that the tuges bere nat the spere without cause. But they bere it to punishe the threwes and milboers! Zab for to befenden the good men. if pe will take bengeannce on po enemites pelball ceturne and baue pour cours to the tuge that bath the turifoiction boon bem / & pe Chall punp The bemias the lawe areth and ref quiretb. 40:2:200

sapo Bellebeithis bengeaunce liketh me nothpng / ] bethpnke me nowe and take bede bowe that fortune bath northbed me fto mp chilohobe and bolpe me to palle many a ftraungepale. Bowe woll 3 allap in bertro wrnge with goddes beipe y Chall me laue for to bengercertes (atd Baudencelif pe will werke by mp councepil pe (ball not allap fortune by no mapeine pe (ball nat lene ne bome boto ber after b morbe of Senete. for thinges that ben folyly pone and that be bone in hope of fortune (balne uet come to good enbe. And as to the fame De neke (atth: the more clere and the more (bimpinge that fortune is I the more brotill and the Cooner broken fhe istruft penat in ber. fortherenps no ftebfaftneffe ne ftableneffe in ber. foz whan thou trowell to be mood fure and ipher of bett

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pe layn that fortune hath norplifted you in your childhode! I lay that there is so mykyil the last trust in you wetter for Seneke latth; what man that is norplifted by fortune the maketh hym a fole. Aowe lyth ye delyren and are bengeauce! And the bengeaunce that is done after the lawe and before the singe lyketh not you. And the ben geaunce that is done in hope of fortune is perylious and directagne! than have ye no remedye but for to have your recours but the loweragne singe that bengeth all belonges and wronges to the shall benge you after that hym lesse where sethe layth, leave ye the bengeaunce but o me and I shall do it.

belonge that men have bone buto me! I formone and warne hem that have bon to me this belonge and all other to bo me belong. Joz it is wighten iff thou takelt no bengeaunce of an olde belonge thou lomonell then adversare to bo the a newe belonge. Allo for mp suffraunce men wold bo me so great belong that I might nat bere it ne suffagne it and than shuibe I be put a holde over lowe. Joz men sam in might suffernge shall many thinges fall buto the which thou ne shall move suffre.

Ertes land bame Budence / Taraunte you well that ouermoche luftraunce is nat good. But pet it foloweth nat therofithat every persone to whome men do belong to take of it bengeaunce. for that apperterneth and los geth all onely to the tuges. for they (hall benge the belonies and the inturies I and therfore the two auctorites that pedaue fait tofore be alone Ip boberstande in the iuges / for whan pe suffre ouer many wronges and belongle to be bone withouten punilibria/ther femen nat a man to Do onely newe wronges but they commaunden bym and bydden hym to do fynne. And the foue raphs and the luges in their contrarve fo mpkpl luffre of the threwes and milooets it they thuis bp luche lufferaunce and proces of tome waten of luche power and might that they shulbe put out the tuges | and the fourtains | from thep; places and at the last to make bem to less they?

lozofbpp out let be no be put that that re baue leue to .nge/ flap pe be nat of might ne po mer as not e to benge poul for if pe will make come parr on buto the might of pour apuerlaties pe [hal linde in many thinges that I have the web pou or this p ber condicton is better than pours and thertogelap I that it is good as no welthat pe luftre and be pactent. further mote pe knowe well that after the comen laws / it is a mooneile to a man to ftryue with a more mighty man tha be is him felle and for to firpue with a man of euen (trength) that is to (ap | with a man that is as archae as him felfe it is great perpil. Ind for to Reput with a warter than him it is foire. And therfore (buide a man fipe firpupne as mp byflashe might. for Salomon farth it is a ureat worthpp to a man to kepe hom to nople Afteple. Ino effo happe that a man of greatter might and frength than thou art bothe greuaunce studge and buly the rather to front the fame greuaunce/than for to benge. for Seneke lapth I that he puttech bem in great parpilithat frepuerh with a greatter man than be is bein Celfe. 3nd Caton Caprh that if a man of bees effate of Degre/of of more might than thou arte Do the anop or greuauce luffre bem. for he that ones bath greued the map another tome refeue the and belpe the pet fet I cafe that pe haue a ly cence for to bege pour et ought pou to take bien to all thefe thinges aforefand ter that petake ben geaunce. for Tiapithat there be full mang then ges that fhall reftrapne pou of bengeaunce tae bynge/and make poutor to inclyne to (uffee and to have pactenet in the winges that have be born. field and forwarde I and if pe wpil confeder the Defautes that be in your owne persone for whi che befautes gob bathe luffret pou to baue all this tribulacion as I baue lappe before to you. for the Boere lapthithat we oughten patientip to taken the tribulacions that comen to be wha wethinke and confiber that we have beierued to baue theig faint Segore farth that when a man confibereth well the nombic of his befau. tes and fpnnes the papers and tribulations that he fuffreth femen the laffe to bem. Ino m as mothe as bem thenketh his fennes more beup and greuous im to moche ifemeth bis parne more lyabter and cafper to him. 3160 pe oughten to enclone and bome poure bertete take the parpence of our loide Jelu Chailte !

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is lapth laint peter in his epillols. Thefu chailt he lapth that fuffred for bei and paue enfample to every man to folowe and fue bim / foz be byb neuer (pane newer came there out of his mou the bylepnelle woldes I whan men cutled bym! he curles bem nat. Ins when men beten bim/be manacceb bem nat I allo the atest pactence that fapores whiche that ben in paradife have had in tribulations that they have luftred withouten her defert or apite ought moche apres pour par ciece. for perbuit inforce pou to baue pacience! confederange the tribulations of this worlder that letell whole enducen and fone pallyn and gone I and the Joy that a man leketh by pacy ence in tribulaciós is perburable. After that the Apocaling (aith in his epiffell) The Joy of god he farth is perbucable fis to far euerlaftrage allo trome pe mel and the beleue ftebfaftip that he is not well noriffed me well taught that wel nat have pactence ine well nat have pactence ine well nat receput pactence. for Salomon fapth that the boctrone of a manis the wort is knowen by pacience. Ind in an other place belayth that he that is paciente/governeth hom by great pru bence and the lame Salomon (arth) the angry and the weathfull man maketh noples. And the pacient man attempereth bom/and figlieth bim he faith alfo it is more worth to be pacient/then for to be reght fronge. Ind be that map have the lozofhpp of his owne best is more to prapie than by his force or frengthe taketh great cpe tees. Ind therfore fapth fapnt Jame in bis Epilinii I that pacience is a great bettue of perfection certes lapoe Dellebe | 3 grannte Dame Daubence that pacience is a great bertue of perfection/but every man may nat have the perfect cion that pe lekelne am none of that nombe of eight perfight men. formp bette map neuer be in peale buto the tyme that it be benged. And all be it forthat it was great perpli to myn enemies to bo me a belonge in takeng bengeaunce boon me per toke they no hebe of the paryll but fulfyle led theps wpcked well & cosage. But therforeme then beth men ought not to represe me ! though put me in a lytell pacyll for to benge me. Ind though 3 bo a great ercelleithat is to (ay that 3 a benge one outrage by a nother.

Sapt Dame Brubence pe lay pour wil as poultketh. But in no cale of the world a má (bulo nat do outrage ne excelle for to beng bim. for Calliobre layth that as curl bothbe that a bengeth bym by outrage / as he that both the outrage. And therfore pe fhall benge pou af. ter the orde of erabtithat is to lap by the lame! and nat by ercelleine by outrage. And also pipe well benge you of the outrage of pour abuetlas tres in other maner/pelpine. And therfoze faith menckelthat a man fhall neuer benge fbzemb. nelle by (heudnelle and if that pe lay that right areth a man to befende biolence by biolence / 4 fightping by fightping. Cettes pelaplothi whan the Defence is Done anone withouten interuall oz withouten tarpena oz belap foz to befend bim and for to benge bem. And pet behoueth that a man put luche temperature in his befence that men haue no caule ne mater to repche him that Defended him of outrage of etcelle. foreis were it agapne reason. Berbe pe know well that pe make no defence as nowe for to defende pour but for to benge pou. And fo fueth it pt pe baue no well to be your well attemperatly. Ind ther fore me thouseth that pacience is good. for So lomon lapth that be that is nat pacie. Chall baue great barme, ::::

Ettes lapd Wellebe / I graunt pou that whan a man is impacient and wrathe of that whiche toucheth him nat/and that aperteys neth nat to bim though it barme bim it is no wo ber. for the lawelapthithat he is culpable that entermeteth or medicth of thonge that apperter neth nat to him. Ind Salomon lapth that be v entermetern bym of the nople of freste of another man/is iphe to bim that taketh a frange bound by the eares. for right so he that taketh a ftran ge bounde by the eares: be is other whyle bytten with the bounderight in the fame wpfelit is re-(on that be have barme that by bis impacience medleth him of the nople of a nother man where as it apertagneth nat to bim. But pe knowe wel that this dede that is to lap mp greete and mp de Tpze/toucheth me right npabels therfoze though I be wrothe and impactent it is no mernaple. and lauringe pour grace I can natle p I fbuid greatly harmemelthough I toke bengeaunce.

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To; Tam epchet and mose moght then mone enampes benia it is well knowen that by money and haupinge great pollcilions ben all thinges of this worlde gouerned. Ind allo Salomon layth I that all thefe thynges obeyen to money. 10han Dinbence had beto ber hulbande a ballt bpin of his tycheffe and of his money bifpiape fonge the power of his enemple I the fpake and lapb in this wple:certes berelpy ! Taxaunt pon that pe be epcheand mighty 3nd that tichelles ben good to hem that haue goten bem well and that well can ble them. for trafft as the boop of a man may nat lyne without the foule: no more map the lefe without temporall goodes. And by tpchelle/map a man get him great frendesland therfore (apth Bamphples, if an eries boughter be tyche i be laythif be may choice of a thoulande men whome the well take to bee bulbande: for of a thoulabementone well nat forfake ber. Int this Wamphiles fapth allo pf that thou be right happy that is to lap if thou be trebelthou Chalt frnde a great company of felowes and frendest and if the fortune chaunge face well frendfhed & felowhypifoz thou thait be sione without any company but if it be the company of pose folke. And pet layth this Bamphiles more outr that they that ben bonde and thiall of lygnage fhall be made morthy a noble by richelle, a right fo Be by tycheffe thece comen many goodes ; right fo by pouette there comen many barmes scuplles And therfore elepeth Calliodie pouette the mos ther of cupne that is to lap the mother of ouers theomorage of fallong downers therfore lapth Beter Alfons one of the greattelt abuerlites of this worlde is/whan a freman of apnot or of byr the is colleapned by pouerte to ete the almelle of bis enempe. Ind the lame lapth Innocence in one of his bokes ! that loso wfull and milhappy is the condicion of a poore beggar. for if he are not his meter be breth for bungte I and if be aret be preth for (bame and algate necellite confrap neth bim to eze. Ind therfore farth halomoni that better it is to opertha to have luche pourte. and as the lame Salomon (apth) better it is to ope a better beth i than to lyue fuche a lyfe. 28p thele realong that I have lapt but poul and bp many other that I coude fap! I graunt that rps cheffe ben god/to bem that get bem well and to tho that ble well this epcheller. And therfore well

Themer .. o we pelhall behaue you in qas therping pour cychelle and in what maner pe Chall bir chem. fprit pe (ball gere bem withouten great selpre bp good leafer fokpngty land nat ouer alteb. for amanthis is in befternge in getteng richelle haboanbeth him fielt to thefte Tto all other miltules. And therfoze fanth Sa. lomon he that bafteth bim to buffip to waterre che be (ball be none Innoct be layth allo that b epchelle that haltely cometh to a man loome and haltele goth and pallett from a man. But that ppcheffe that cornerb lptell and lptell mareth al way and multiplieth And therfore pe (ball gete richelle by pour byt and by pour trauaple bata pourprofps. And thet withouten any mionge or harme bornge to any other perfone. forthe lawe Capth there maketh no man bom felfe ro cheff be do harme to another wordht this is to lapithat nature Defenbeth 4 forbebeth by trabe that no man make been epche buto the harme of a nother perion. Ind Cuttius (apthi that no fo: towe ne brede of beth ine of thrnge that map bes tall buto man/is fo moche agaphe parutt 15 3 men to encuelen by so wen profet to the barme of a nother man. Inb though that a cear a mighte men get epchelle more lightly thá thou pet balt thou nat be poletote the me to bo the profet. for thou fhalt in all wofte fipe poeines. fo: Salomo Capitot that be that transplett in phelinelle tes cheth a man to bo many curiles / 3km the fame Salomon Caprir he that crauantette and bufrert bem to telle big lander ball cate biceb. Ind be & is pole and callett bym to no bufynelle ne occu parton | Chall fall in to pouerre and bre forbume gre. Inb be that Is pole a dome lean neuer fynde couenable tymefer to bo bisprofet, fortbereis a betlifper lapthin thepole man exculety bom in wenter because of o great color a in somer be enchelon of beate. for thefe caufes farth Caroni weseth and encipricity you nat ouer mykell to flepe. foz ouermoche reft i nozpifberb and caus leth many boces. Ind therfore laveblarme Tet come I both fomme good bedes that the deuril whiche that is pour enemy frede you nat be occupied : for the deupli takers nat ipatrio to bis worthprige luche as he fynderh eccupped m good werke. Than thus in gettrage of tre cheffe pemulte fipe poeinelle and aftermatte pethall blen the excheste whiche pe have gotten

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by your write abo your teauaple! in fuche mas ner p' men bole pou nat to fracce ne to fparing me to foir lange / f to to laploues large a fpontar. Anzeight agmen blante en anacicious man by cause of his lear cenefit & chinchespe in the same ingle is he to blame that fpendeth ouer largely. In thering Caron lapthy ble the toches f thou ball goten in fuch maneries men bage no mater ne cause to say me call & neyther meetche ne chine the. fortt is a great thame to a man i to haur a poore best and a cyche putie. De lapth allo the goodes that thou ball goten ble bem by melute that is to (ay freude them me (upably. for they that folely (pende a walten the goodes that they hane I whan they have no more propre of they? ownerther thanen bem to take a goodes of other men: I fap than that pe fail fire auatice bigng Pour riche Et in Cuche manes that men far nat that pour richelles is becoured but that pe have hem in pour might and in pour wildpinge. for the wple man represent the anarticious man is farth thus in two beries / wheeto and why bus tpeth a man his owne goodes by his great and tpce | hno weth well p' nebes mult be ppe. for beth is the ende of every manias in this prefent lpfe. And for what cause and encheson sepneth or kaptett he bym fo fatte to bes goobes fall bes wittes mowe not officeuer ne bepart bim frå bis goodes. And knoweth well as ought to knowe! p' when he is been! be fall nothing brare with bim out of this worlde. Ind therfore farth farne Auguftyn p the quartetons må is lykenen baco belief that the moze at [malometh, the moze to bee freeth to fwalowe and to bevoure . Ind as well as pe wolde elchewe to be called an austicious man oz a chenche las well fullo pe kepe pou and gouerne pou i in luche wplet that men clepe pou nat fole large thertoze fapth Culltus p goodes of then havele ne thulbe nat be hypoe ne kept la chofe but that they might be opened by ppts and by Debonaptte that is to lay to peut bem pett ? have great neve i ne thy goodes foulde nat be fo openito be every mannes goodes. Aftermarbe in getpage of pour epchelle and bipage bemipe thall alway hour this thringes in you best. That 16 to fap our loste god good confetence 13 good name . Apie pefball baue gob in pour bertjand to a no trebelle pe (bell be nothing imbiche mar in app maner wple offpleafe god that is our cre atour 3 maker. Biter the mojo of salomon it

is better to baue a lytel good with ? loue of goo! than to; to have moche golde & ccelous / 3 to leis the lour of his loade god. Ind p prophete lapthi better tt is to be a good manis baue lytel good and treasour/than to be bolden a shieme & baue areat epchelle. And pet lap I harebermoze that pelball alway be pout bulynells to gete pou tpe cheffelfo that pe gete bem with good confcience. And the apolicil larch that there ups no thruge in this mostoe of whiche we foall baue fo great topelas when our réference beteth be good with neffe. Ind the wyle man lapth that the lubitails ce of a man is full good I whan frime is not in mannes confesence . Afterwarbe in gettpnge of pour spehelle i and in bignge of them i pe mufte bave acest bulymelle and belygence I that your good name be alway kept and conferued . for palomen faith: that better is/and more it away leth a man for to have a good name I than for to have many epchelle. And theefore belayth in an other place to great being once in kepping of the frende I and in keppings of the good name. Jos it Chall lenger abpbe with the than any other tre four be it neuer fo pertous and certelle be fould nat be called a gentyll manithal after god and good confetence all thenges left ne both to kepe his good name. and Calledge lapthichat it is fagne of a gentpli bette i whan a mon loueth and delyzerb to baue a good name. And therfore Capth Capnt Augusten , that these be two thous ges that be necessary and nebehull I that is good confetence and good lole. And be that trufteth bemlo mekyl in his good confetence that he Displet and letteth at naught his good name or lofe/be both nat well. for he that recketh nat to kepe bis good name / nps but a cruell chutle. prome have I (be med you bom pe (build bo in gettpinge of tychelle I and bome pelbuide ble bem. Ind I fe well that for the truf that pe baus in po' cpcheffe pe woll meue warm and batapil. I councepil pou that pe bearn no watte in trust of pour rychelle ! for they fullice nat warres to maintapne. Ind therfore lapth a Bhilolopher! that man that Deliteth algate & well have warte Chall never baue luftplaunce. for the speher that be tatte greatter dipence maite be make i pf be mylibane mostbyp and bictozrel and Salomo farth/that the greatter rychelle that a man bath the maze Difpence be bathe. Inb therfoze all be ttlothat by fortune a tychelle pe may have mar

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mp folke i pet behoueth it nat i ne is good to ber apit warre where that pe map have in other mas net peace bnto your worfbpp and profite. for the victories that ben of bataple in this world ! ben nat in great nombre a multitube of people ne in bertue of man I but it igeth in the well and in the bande of our lorde Telu god almpater. and therfore Judas Machabeus whiche that was gobbes knpght i whan be (bulbe frabt agapnit bis abuer (arpes p' bab a greater nom. bie a greater multitube of people and ftronger than was the people of Bachabee pet he recom forted his letell people/and lapbe trabt in this mple. Molpabily lapo be i map out lozbe gob peue bictozpe to a fewefolke / as to many folke! for the bictorpe of a bataple cometh nat by a great nombre of people; but it cometh from our lozde god of heuen. Ind Dere (pulfoz as moche as there is no man certapne that he be worthy that god well geue hem bictope og nat . Salomon fapth: therfoze euerp man (bulbe greatly brebe warres to begonne and bycaule that in batapil fall many parpiles. And happeth outberwhyle) that also sone is a great man Capne / as a lytell man. And as is wapten / in the (econde boke of kynacs the bedes of bataple ben a bentucous! a nothpinge certapne for as leghtly is one burte with a (pere as a nother. Inb forthere is great parpli in watte i therfoze (buide a man elchewe a fle warreitn as mpheli as a man map goodip! for Salomon (apth/he that loueth parpli/(ball fall in parpil. After that bame Paudence babbe fpoken in this mater / Deleber anf werbe a fayb I fe well barne Brubence! that by fapre wordes a by your realons that pe baue (bewed me that warre lpketh pou nothing but I have not hard pet in this coucepil/home T(bal bo in this nebe/ Cettes lapo (bei T councepil pou that pe accorde with pour abuerfaries that ye have peace with bem. foglapnt Jame lapth in bis Epiltolies! that by accord and peaceithe (mall tyches wate great. And by Debate and Discorde the great ty cheffe fallen bowne and fapilen: Tpc knowe well that one of the greatteft & moft fouerapne thong that is in this worlde is burte and peace. Ind therfore farth our lorde Jelu chrift to bis ap. policis in this wyle i well happy and bleffen be tho that louen and purchalen peace! for they be called chylogen of god. Mapte Mellebeeinome le I well that pe loue not mpn bonouce ne mp

mozforp. ben that men abueclaries have begonne Je bebate. Inb pele mell that thep ne require ne prape me of peace/ne thep are not to ber .confpled/ moibe pethan that I goo and meh. me and obep me boto bem i and cree bem me cp e foxfothe bat were nat mp worlbpp for right as men (app ouer great bumblenes engen beth great bilpaplynge folhule it face by me! in boinge this great bumpitte o; mehenes. Tha began Brubence to make (emblaunt of mathe) and lapbefp: laue pour grace! ] lout pour bo. nout and pout profpt i as 7 do mpn owne i and euer haue boinepther pe ne none other lame ne uer the contrarpe. Ind pet if I had lapt that pe Chulde have purchased pour peace and the reche filtactoni i ne bab mpapil mplcaped ne lapoe ampffe. for the mple man farthithe bifcencion . begynneth by another man. Ind the teconcy lynge by bim lette begynneth. Ind the prophete latth file fbemonelle a bo goodnelle leke peace and folome it in as mpkpll as in the is per (ap 4 nat that pe Chall tather purleme to pour abuete (arres for peace than they ball to you. for a knowe well prough that pe belo barbe of berte that pe topil bo nothpinge for me. Ind Salomo (aith) that be that bath over barbe an herte be at late (ball milbappe and mythyde. Ubban Aleis lebee hab berd bame Daubence make lembladee of math/belapo in this mple: Dame I play you that pe be nat bilplealed of thonges that I lap. for pe knowe well that I am angry and whath and that is no wonder. Ind they that ben whath mote nat well what they bon ne what they laptil Moberfoze the prophete farthithat troubled eten baue no clere (pabe/but fay pe and councep) me aspou good lpacth for Tam cop to bo cpubl as pe woll despie. Ind if pe woll tepieue me of inp folpe ani the mose boloen to loue you and to praple pou. for Salomon fapth the that tre preueth bem o both folge be fall fond greattet gesce than be p bilcepueth bim with f wete mos Des. Chanfait Dame Brubece I make no feme blaunt of whath ne of angre but for pour profet for Salomoniapth. De to more wrath that cer preveth or chybeth a fole for his fole (bewinge bym Cemblaunce of mathe than be that fup. porteth bem a prealeth bem in his milbornge and laugheth at bisfolp. Ind this fame Salor mon lapth afterwarde that by the logowfull

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billage of a manithat is in lay I by the losy and the bear solit andice of a man the fole correcteth hymicife and amenacth. Then farth Beliche. I fhail not comanherce you buto to many faye scalens/as pe base put to me and fbeweb. Sap pe figestly pear mell a your counfell I and I am exby to performe a fulfyll it. Chan dame Pour bence bifcourced all ber well buto bem / a fapo. Tcounceylivou abone all thouge that pe make peace between god a pou i and be pe reconfiled bato bem and to bis grace. for as Theue fapo before. God bath faffred you to have all this terbulacion Todesle for pour lynnes. Ind if pe bo as Ifap pour god welllende pout aduetlas spes buto pou land make hem fall at pour fere ! cedy to be pour well a pour consundementes . for Salomon fayth . 1bban the condition of a man is plefaunt and thepna to god be chaugeth the bettes of the mannes abuttlatves and cons franneth bem to beiche bpm of peace & of grace. Ind Toran pon heme locke with pour aduerla rpes prinche: for thep (ball narknome that it be pour well or pour all ent a than when I knowe ther myll and berentent | map concepti pouthe more lurely. Dame laid Bellebe. Do pour mpl and pourtising for I put me onelp in po' bilpo fiction and ordynaunce. ::

Dan whan dame Prubece lawe p good well of her hulbande belibered and toke adupte in her telfe i thenkenge ho welhe myght brenge this neve to a good conclusion and to a good ende. And whan the lawe her teme the lent for these aducedances to come to her in to a preup place i and she wed welcely but o hem the great goodnesse that come of peace is the great harmes and parelles that ben in warrel and sape to hem in a good maner howe that they oughten to have great repentance of the intury a wrong that they had done but o Wellebe her lord but o her and her doughter.

Ab whan they here the worder of dame aproposed they were to enforce and radius they have to enforce and radius to tell. I have tape they be have themed but to be the bleffping of tweetnesses, after the tame of Bauto the prophete for the reconciling whiche that we be not worthy to have in no maner but we oughten to require it with great contriction

and bumilite ! that pe of your great goodnelle baue prefented botto bs . Aothe fe we well that theference and the connyng of salomon is full true. Defaith/that froste wordes multiplye and encreaten frendes land make threwes to be be bonarze and meke. Certes (apt thep we put all our bebe and all our mater and cause I boly in pour good well. Ind be tedy to obeye to the co. maundement of am lozde Mellebe. And bere a benigne lady / we praye you and beleche you as mekely as we can I that it tyke buto pour great goodnelle to fullfyllen hi bede pour mozdes goodip. for meconfrocten and knowlege that we have offended and areued my load Abellebe out of meture ! (o factorth) & we be nat of power to make bym amendes. And therfore we oblige be and bynde be and out frendes for to bone all bis woll and commaundemêtes. But parauen, ture be bath luche angre end luche weath to be warde bycaule of our offence , that he woll entopne be luche pepne/that we mape nat beare it ne fusterne it. And therfore noble laby twe beicch pour noble ppte to take suche autsement in this nede/that we ne our frendes be nat befberited & biltroped through out folpe.

Ertes lapo bame Dubecelitis an harde theng and reght pectlous that a man put bem (elfe all biterip in arbitracion and Juge) ment and in the mpght a power of his enempe. for Salomon lapth. Beleue me and peue cres bence to that I Challapine peue neuer the power ne gouernaunce of the goodes to the fonto the wefe i to the frende i ne to the brother i ne peuc thou mpght ne matitrpe outrthp body whylest thou fruelt. Aowelyth that he Defenbeth that a man Chulde nat prue to his brother ne to his frende the mpatt of his body by a firencer read (on be befebeth a man to yeur hym to his enemy. And nethelelle / I coucept pourthat pe miftrufte nat mp loade. for I wote well and knowe ber etly that be is Debonapte I meke large and cut ters and nothing belicous ne courtous of good ne epchelle. for there is nothing in this morle that he beliveth mozeithan worthyp and bonour furthermoze I knowe and am full sure that be fhall nothing bo in this bede without my councepti. Ind I (ball fo worke i this cafe that by the grace of our loade god pe (bal be recociled unto bs. Then lapo they with one bopce worlbppful

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lade the put be and our goodes in your well and disposption all fully a be redy for to come what dape that it lyke to your noblette to als frane be for to make our oblygacions and bon Des allo froge as it Chall lyke bnto your good nelle, that we move fulfplie the well of you and of mp lorde Mellebee. Whan dame prus bence had berbe the answers of these ment the bad bem retourne agapne princip. And (be ces turned agayne to ber loide Bellebe and tolde hom howe ( be fonde his aduerlaries full repen taunt/knowlegginge full lowly her lynnes and trespace and how that they were redy to luffre all papel requiringe hom of mercy and pote. Than (aid Bellebe he is well worthy to have parbon and for euenelle that exculeth him nae of his fonne: but knowlegeth a repenteth hom albying indulgence for his lynne. Senek layth there is the remission and forpegenesse for the confestpon is nevabbour to unocece and thers tore Tallente and confprme me to haue peace. But it is good that we bo nat without & will of our frendes. 

Dan was Brudece right glad and iops full and lapbe: certelle fpz pe haue well and goodly answerd. for right as by the coun lapte/allent/and belpe of pour frendes/ye have freed to be benge you and make watte tight lo withouten ber councaple (ball pe nat acozde pourne haue peace with pour aduerlatus. for the lawe (apthe) there is no thrnge (o good by wave of hynde as a thrnge to be bubounde by hom that it was bounde. And than dame Daus Dence without Delape of tarpenge lente anone her mellangers for her kpn and her olde frens beg whiche were true and wyle and toloc bem by 0202e/in presence of Adellebe all this mater/ as is aboue expected and beclared: and played hem that they wolde tage her adupte and couns lavle | what were belte to bo in this nebe. Ind whan Mellebeug frendes bad herde this nede and taken her aduple and delpheracion of the forfard mater and had erampned by great bus spresse and great counsaple they pase full coun laple for to have peace and reft: and that Apele lebes (hulde recepue with good bert his aduer laries to forveuenelle and mercy. And whan dame Brubence hab herbe thaffent of her loade Milebe and of his frendes the was woderly

glad in b and lapo. There is a noble pro uerbe th lapth the goodnelle that thou mapt Do this say bo it and abybe nat ne belave it nat tpli to nojowe: and therfore I countaple that pele De pour mellangers luche as be offcrete and wple bino pour aductarpes telling bem on pour behalfe that if they will treate of peace and of accorde that they [ hape bem without be lay or tarpeng to come buto bg: whiche thong perfourmed was in bebe. Ind whan thele tres fpallouts and tepentynge folke of bet folges that is to lay the aductarpes of Mellebe had berbe what thefe mellangers lapbe baco bem they were right glad and topfull and answerd full mekely and benyngly peldyng graces and thankinges to her loide Mellebe and to all his companyel and (bopen hem without any belay to go with the mellangers and to obey the com maundement of ber loide Bellebe. Ind right anone they toke her way to ber loide wellebe. And reght anone they toke ber wanto ber los Des court and toke with bem Come of ber tre we frendes to make fapth for hein and for to be her bozowes. Ind whan thep were comen to the prefence of Bellebe be fand to bem thefe wore Des. It fandeth thus fand Mellebe and fothe it is that cauletelle & Dithouten (Byil and read con pe have boone great inturpes to me .to mp wyfe D:ubence and to my boughter alfo: fo: pe have entred in to my boule by prolence and have bone luche outrage that all men knowe well that pe have beferued bethe: and therfore wolde I know of you wheter pe well put you to punpilhynge and the chaftefenge and the bengeaunce of thes outrage in the well of me and of my topfe orels nat.

for hem all and lapte. Sprlapt bet we know well that we be unworthy to come to the courte of lo great a lorder and lo worthy as pe bet for we have lo greatly mystaken us a have offended and guited in such wyse agapust your the lorder bpp that trewly we have described the dethet but per for the great goodnesse and bedonapite that all the worthe when exterior pour persone we submitte be to the excilence and benygnite of your gracyous lordes upper and beschinge you of your merciable pytic pe

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well consport our great expentaunce and our lowe submpsion and graunt be soppenentic of our outrageous trespace and offences: Jos well we knowen that your lyberall grace and mercy fretchen ferther in to goodnesse than bone our outragious gystes and trespaces in to mycheducie: all be it y cursedly and dampsionably we have agysted and agreed your hye loydes hyppe.

man Mellebe toke bem from the grour De full bengagp and tecepueb bet obs Lygacions and bondes by ber othes by on her plebaces bojowes and allygned hem a certapne day to retourne buto bis courte for to recepue and accepte the ungement that abeli. lebe wolde comaunde to be done on hem by the caules aforeland whiche thrnges orderned es uery man retourned to his owne boule . Ind whan dame Dudeuce lawe ber come Che fape ned and afted her loide Mellebei what benger auce be thought to take bpon bis abuerfaries. To whiche Mellebe answerde and sayo. Cery telle I thinke and purpole inefully to differice bem of all that cuer they have and put bem in erple for euctmore. Cettelle laph bame Duis Dence this wore a crucil fentence/and moche as gaynft teafon: for pe be tyche prough a baue no nede of other mens goodes, and pempate full leghtly in this wrie gette poun full coues tous name whiche is a bycious lyuynge and ought to be eschewed of every good man. for after the worde of the apostle Couetyle is the rote of all barmes and therfozest were better to pou to lefe fo moche good cepout owne, than for to take of her good in this manere: for bete ter it is to lefe good with worthyp than it is to wenne good with bylonge and Chame. Inder uerp man ought to do bis Dylygence and bufps nelle to gette hom a good name. And pet I hall be nat boly bulye hpm en keppinge of his good name but he Chall al waye entogeen to bo Come thonge by whiche he may emouele or cenewe bis good name, for it is written that the olde good loos of a man or good name is lone gone and palled wha it is nat newed ne cenoucled. Und as touchouge that pe lapne pe well exple pour advertarges that thynketh me moche as gapue realous and out of meluces confrominge the power that they have reve you boon bem

lelfe. Ind pet it is writen if he is worthy to lefe his priuplege that miluleth the mpate and the power that is your hym. And I fet cafe that pe might encopne beni that papie by right and by lawe whiche that I trowe ye maye nat do: I lap pe inpight nat put it to execucion for perature than were it like to retourne to the warrel as it was before. Ind therforelif ve well that men Do pou obeplamce pe multe bemeane pou more custopfly: this is to lave pe mufte peuc more easy penaunce a sugement. for it is write ten that he that mofte curteyfly commundeth! to hyurmen most obep. And therfore I prave you that in this necellpte and in this nebel pe call pou for to ouercome pour bette. for Ser nehe lapthe be that ouercometh bis herre ouer. cometh twple. And Tulipus layth: there is not thrug (o comendable in a great lozde as whan be is debonapte and mekel and appealeth him lightly. Ind I prap you that pe well nowe for beare to do bengeaunce/ in Luche a maner/that pour good name mape be kepte and conferued! and that men map baue cause a mater to praple you of pytic and of mercy. And that ye baue no caule to repente pou of thynge that is boone. for denes Capthibe ouercometh an puell maner that repentetb bym of his bictores. Where tote I praye poullet meccy be in pour bertel to the effecte and to the entent/that god almighty have wercy on you m his latte tugement. for laput James layth to his eppfiels: Jugement without mercy f ball be do to brin/that bath no nuccey on an other wyght.

han Mellebe had herde the great (kylto les and crasons of dame poudsce and
ber wyle insourmacion and techinges of the herte beganne to enclyne to the wyll of his
wyse conspoeringe her great entente conspoers
wed hym anoniand allented to werke after her
counsayle: and thanked god of whome proces
beth all goodnesse wertue, that hym had sente
a waste of so great deference. Ind whan the
daye came that his adversaryes shulde appere
in his presence be spake to bem full goodly and
sayd in this wyse. All be it so that of your price
and presumption; and hye foly of your meglygence and unconnynge, ye have mysborne you
and trespased unto me, yet so as moche as I se

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pour great humplite and that ye be fozy and re pentaunte of pour gyltes it conftrayneth me to do you grace and mercy: wherfoze I receyue you to mp grace and fozyeue you biterly all the offences inturpes and wronges that ye have done agenst me to this effecte and to this ende that god of his endelesse mercy will at the dap of my drenge fozyeue me my gyltes that I have trespaced to him in this worde. For dout lesse, if we be sozie and repentaunt for our syntes and gyltes the spath of our lorde god is so tre and so mercyable; that he will forgue be our gyltes and dringe be to the dipse that never thall have ende. Amen.

Chere endeth Chaucers tale of Aelleve and Pludence his wyfe/
and Sophye his
boughter/
and
here begynneth the
Aponkes plolove.

Dan ented was the tale of Mellebe And of 192udence / of her benganyte Dur hofte laid as I am fapthfull man And by the preciouse corps Abadrian I had leauer than a barell of ale That good lefe my wyfe had herde this tale for the is nothinge of luche pacience As was this Mellebeus wyfe Brudence By goddes bones whan I beate my knaues She bringeth me the areat clobbed flanes And cryeth/flee the dogges enerythone And breke bothe backe and enery bone And if that any negabbour of myne Wyll nat in chysche to my wyfe enclyne D; be lo hardy to her to trespace What he cometh home the campeth in my face And creeth falle cowarde whethe the wefe By corpus dominus I will have thy knyfe And thou Chalt have my distaste a go spynne fro day triinpatt f be well thus bearme Alas the layth that ever I was thape To wedde a mplkelopi a cowarde ape That well be overled with every weight Thou derect nat stande by the wruce cright

This ple but if that I wolve fritht and o at voze anone 4 mote me by abi Ind' & Tamtofte but if that T Be' ke a wylde ipon fole hardy Lote well the well do me (lee fome dap s ome nepabbout and than go my wap for I am patious with knyfe in bande All be it that I bare nat her withftanbe for the is broge in armes by my farthe That Chall be renocithat ber me Dothe or lapth But let be palleawap from this matere My lozde ly monke be land be mery of chere for pelbull tellen a tale trulp Lo Rochester Canbeth bere faste by Ripbe forth mpn owne lord breke nat our game But by my trouther & knowe nat your name Whether I hall I call you mp loade ban Toon Di dan Thomas dan Robert o: Dan Albon Di of what houle be pe by pour father Bra Jowe to god thou hafte a full fapre chon It is a gentle pasture there thou gooft Then acte nat lyke a penaunte of a gooff Upon my faythe thou arte forme officer some worthy letten or lome celetet for by my father loule as to my dome Thou arte a maifter whan thou arte at home Ropoeze clopfterer ne no pooze nouve But a governour well and wele And therwith of beawne and of bones A well farying persone for the nones pray to god year bym confuspon That fyelt the beought in to religion Thou woldelt baue be a tredefoule a right Daodest thou as great leuc as & baste moabt Coperfourme all thy full in engendince Thou haddest begoten many a creature Alas why weaten theulo wydea cope God peue me foiowe and I were pope Ast only thou/but enery mighty man Though he were fhore bogh boon his pan shuld have a wefer for all this worde is loine Religion bath take by all the come Di trebyng and boxell men bel hampes Di feble trees there cometh weetched impes This maketh that our berres be lo falendie And feble chartbep may new well engende This maketh that our wrucs well allage lichayous folker for they may better page Of clems paymentes than mowe we God wote no luffburghes par pe 15.11.

# The Monkestale.

But benat woothe mp leadelthough I play full otte : gamera Cothe baue I berbe lap This worthy monbe toke all in pacience Ino fard | well do my byligence As ferre as lowneth in to bonefte To tell pou a tale of two of thre Ind if poulpft to berben byther warbe I well poularne of the left of laint Cowarde De els tragedies freft T well tell Df whiche I baue an bundged in my cell Tragebpis for to tell a certapne ftorp Is olde bokes maken memojp Of bem that fronden in great profperite Ind is fall out of bpe Deute In to mpferp and endeth weetchedly Ind they ben bercifyed comenly Dt. bi.feet Whiche men clepen erametron In profe che ben endyted many on

And in metre/meny alonday tople
Lothis ought phough to futiple
Aowe beckenethist you left for to bere
But first I beleehe you in this matere
Though I by order tell not thele thringes
Be it of popes/emperouse/orkynges
and after her ages/as men waitten fride
But tell hem/lome before and lome behynde
As it cometh to my remembraunce
Daue me excused of myn ignoraunce

Opere endeth the Monkes prologe/and here foloweth histale.

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Well bewaple in maner of tragedy

The harm of hem & ftoden in hie degre

And fyllen lo bette nas no remedye

To bringe hem out of her adverlyte

for certapne whan that fortune lyft to five

There may no man of her the course wholve

Let no man truft on bipnde prosperyte

Seth ware by this ensample yonge and olde

At Lucifer though he an aungell were
Ind nat a maniachem I well begenne
for though fortune map nat aungell dere
from her degre i pet fell he for his spane
Downe in to hell where he is pet in
O Lucifer brightest of aungelies all
Adwe art thou Sathanas is mapst nat thes
Out of mysery whiche thou arte fall

#### The Monkes tal

Lo Adam in the felde of Damalcene with goddes owne fongte wrought was And nat begoten of mannes sperme buckene And welte all Paradyse/saugng on tre pad neuer worldely man so hygh degre as Adam/tyll he for misgouernaunce was driven out of his hye prosperyte To labour and to hell/and to myschaunce

(Lo Samplon/whiche that was annuctate
By the aungell/longe of his naturate
And was to god almyghty confectate
And frode in nobleste whyle he might se
Was neuer suche another as was he
To speke of strength a therto hardynesse
But to his wrues tolde he his secre (nesse
Thosowe which he slough him for wretchyd.

Sampfon/this noble and mighty champion without weapen/laue his handes twep Hellough/and all to rent the Igoun Towarde his weddyng walking by the wey his falle wite coude him to please a play Till the his countable knewer the untrewe Unto his foes/his countable gan bewray and him folioke/and toke an othernewe

An hundred fores/toke Sampson for tre
And all her tayles be togyther bonde
And sette the fores tayles all on fyre
for he in every tayle hath put a bronde
And they brent all the comes in that londe
And her olyves and her bynes che
A thousande men che/he slewe with his honde
And had no weapen/but an asse cheke

Whan they were flagne fo thay fled him that he was well night loane for which he gan to prey That god wolds of his payne have tone pyte and lende him drinke for els must be dep and of his alle cheke that was so dree Out of a wange to the spranke anon a well of whiche he dranke yough shortly to sepe Thus halpe him god/as Judicum can test

By bery force at Gala on an night Mangre the philikenys of that cyte The gates of the towne he hath bp plyght And on his backe yearyed hem hath he Dighe an upil/where as men might bemle Dno' .e a mighty Samplon lete and bere hab abou nat tolde to women thy lette In all this worlde ne had be thy pere

This Samplon neyther lydge diake ne wyns Re on his heed came calour none ne l here By precept of the mellanger deupne for all his strengthes in his heares were and fully twenty yere by yere Of Icaell he had the governaunce But after lone I hall he wepe many a tere for women I hall bringe hym to muchaunce

Tinto his lemman Dalida he tolde That in his heares all his strength lap And failly to his foes him the folde And slepping in her barme upon a day They made to clippe of there his heare away And made his fomen all his cratte aippen And whan that they him fonde in succe aray They bonde him faste and put out his even

But of his heates were cippped of haue There was no bonde that myght hym bynde But nowe is he put in pillon in a caue where as they made hym at the querie grande O noble Samplen Arengell of mansyabe O whylom suge in glory and in tychede Aowe mayell thou wepen withput even blande Syth patte from wele fall in to wretchedielle

The ende of this captyfe was as I chall fap his fomen maden a frest upon a day and made him as their fole before hem play and this was in a temple of great aray but at last he made a foule tray for he two postess hose a made hem fall. And downe fyil the temple and all there it lay and sleepe himselfer and ese his fomen all

This is to lay the princes energehone
And eke thre thoulage bodyes were there flayn
With fallying of the great tempte of itone
Of Sampton will fino more tapne
Bethe wate of this enfampte olde and playne
That no man tell her countapte to her wines
Of fuch thing as they wold have tecrete faying
If that it touche her lymines or her types

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#### The Monkes tale.

f Percules the louerayne conquerout Singpn his werkes laude & hye renoun for in his tyme of fivength he bare the flour De (lough and rafte the layine of the lyoun and of Centaurus layde the boft aboun be Arpies (lough the cruell by thes fell De the golden apples rafte fro the dragon De droue out Cerberus the hounde of hell

De flough the crueil traunt Bulutus
Ind made his horte to frete him flellhe a bone
De flough the very ferpent venemous
Of Achilles two hornes brake he that one
And he flough Cacus in a cauc of from
De flough the graunt Antheus the fronge
De flough the gryfly bore a that anone
And bare his heed upon his necke longe

Was neuer wyght forthe the worlde began That flough to many monsters as dyd he Thorowe the wyde worlde his name can what for his strength and his bounte. Independent went he for to se was so stronge that no man myght him set And bothe worldes endes sayth Trophe In sede of boundes, he of brasse a pyllet set

A lemman hab this noble champport

That hight Depanyia as feelihe as Map

And as clerkes make mencion

She hath him tent a thert fresshe and gap

Alasthis therte alas and we laway

Onuenemed was subtelly with all

That ere he had weared it halfe a day

It made his stellhe all fro his bones fall

But nathelest clome clerkes her exculen
By one that hyght Aestus that it maked
Be as be may I wyll her nat accusen
But on his body of hert he weared all naked
Tyll the flesshe was with the venym claked
Ind whan he sawe none other remedye
In hote coles he hath hym seife raked
for with no venym degred he to dye

Thus farfe this worthy myghty Hexules Lolwho may trust in fortune any throwe for hym that followeth all this worlde of prees Dr he beware, is ofte layde full lowe full wele is he/that hem lelfe can knowe Be water for whan that fortune left to glole Than wayteth the/her man downe to throwe By luche a wayeras he wolde left suppose

The myghty trone the precious trefour The glorious feptre a the tyall maiche That had the byinge Aabugodonolor with tonge buncth may discrused be the twelfe wan Jerusalem that cyte The velight of the temple he with him lad It Babylon was his soueraque se Ju whiche his glory a his delyte he had

The fayiest chyldien of the blode epall
Of Jerusalem he dyd do gelde anone
And made eche of hem to be his thiall
Amonge all other Danyell was one
That was the wysest chylde of energehone
for he the dremes of the byng expowned
There as in Caldey clerkes were there none
That wyst to what fyne his dreme sounce

This proude kynge let make a statu of golde Sirty cubytes longe and seuen in brede To whiche pmage bothe ponge and olde Comaunded he to soute and have in drede Or in a furneys full of sames rede he shille be deed that wolde nat obey But neuer wolde accorde to that dede Daniell ne his yonge felowes twey

This kinge of kinges proude and clate
the wende god that litteth in magelte
the might not beceue of his efface
But lodenly he loft his dignyte
and like a belt hym lemed for to be
and ete her as an ore and lay therout
In tarne with wride beeftes walked he
Till a certaine trine was come aboute

And lpke an egles fethers were his heares.
And naples lpke byzdes clawes were
Sod releved hom at certagne peres
And pafe hom wotte a than with many a tere
De thanked god and cuer his lofe in fere
was he to do a mole of more trespace
And ere that he lapde was on his bere
he knewe that god was full of might a grace

#### The Monkes tale

Is some / whiche p hyght Balthasar That helde p reigne after his faders dap the vy his father/coude nat beware for proude he was ofherte and of aray and cke an ydolastee was he age this hygh estate assured hym in pride But fortune cast him downe a there he say and sodenly his reigne can deuple

A feeft he made but o his loades all Tipon a tyme the made them bly the be And than his officers gan he call Gothe bringe forthe the vellelles quod he Whiche that my father in his prosperite Out of the temple of Jerusalem berafte And to our goddes thanke we Of honour, that our closes with vs lafte

his wyfe/his lozdes/and his concubynes
Aye dzonken whyles her appetytes last
Out of this notic vesselles fondzy wynes
And on a wall this kynge his even cast
And sawe an hande armetes that wrote fast
for feare of whiche he quoke and syghed soze
This hande that Balthasar made so roze agast
Wrote/mane/techell/phases and no more

In all that lande magicien was there none That coude expowned what this letter ment But Dangell expowned it anone Andlayd kynge god to thy father lent Glory and honour reigne treasour a rent And he was proude and nothing god he drad And therfore great wrathe god upon him lent And hym becaste the reigne that he had

De was out cast of mannes company with alles was his habytacion And eate hey as a beest in wete and day Tyll that he knewe by grace and by reason That god of heuen hath dompnacion Ouer cuery reigne, and cuery creature And than had god of hym compassion And hym restored his reigne a his tygure

The thou that arte his some arte proude also and knowest all these thenges princip and arte rebell to god/and his foe Thou dranke eke of his bestels boldly

Thy w let and thy wenches synfully Dion! of the same vellels sondly wones and expeditalle goodes cursely the choice to the suppen great pagne is

This hande was lente fro god of on the wall wrote mane techell phaces turk me
Thy reigne is done thou we pelt nat all Deupded is the reigne and it hall be
To medes and to perciens quod he
And that lame neght the being was lawe
And Darpus occupped his degre
Though he therto had neether right ne lawe

Lordpinges here by ensample mowe pe take ipowe that in lordel hyp is no specific. For whan that fortune wyll a man fortake. He beateth away his reigne and his typicalle. And eke his frendes bothe more and leife. And what man hath frendes through fortune. Applichappe wyll make him enemies a geife. This proverbe is full so the and full comune.

Chobia of palpinetre quene
Is writeth Perciens of her nobleffe
So worthe was in armes and to kene
Chat no weight passed her in hardenesse
Ac in lynage ne in none other gentelheise
Of keniges blode of Perce is the outenoch
I say that the had nat mothe far renesse
Sut of her thape the meght nat be antended

from her chylochobe I fynde that the ded Office of woman and to the woddel he wert And many a wyloe hertes blode the flee with atowes blode that the to hem tent She was follwytte that the anoge hem hene And whan that the was elder the wolde by the Lyons lyberdes and beares all to rent And in her armes welde hem at her holl

She burft wylde beeftes dennes feke
And renne in the mountagne all the night
And flepe bider a builbe of he coude ese
whalfell by very force and bery might
with any younge man, were he never to wyght
There might nothing in her arms flands
She kept her maybenheed from every wyght
To no man depned the to be bonde

## The Monkes tale.

But at last her frendes hath her marped (To Onedacia prince of that countre III were it so i that the hem longe tarped Ind ye (hull binderstande howe that he had suche fantespes as had the Dad suche fantespes as had the They lyued in tope and in felicite

for eche of them had other lefe ad dere

Sauc o thong that the nolde never affent 28 p no wap that he thulde by her lpe 23 ut ones for it was her plapme entent To have a childe the worlde to multiply And also some as the might aspe That the was nat with childe with that dede Than wolde the suffre him do his fantelye Effe somes and nat but ones out of drede

And if the were with chylde at that call Ao more thulde he play that game
Tyll fully.rl.dayes were ypatt
Than worde the ones fuffre him the tame
All were this Onedak wylde or tame
the gate no more of her/ for thus the taybe
It was to wrues lecherye and thame
In other cale/ if men with hem playbe

Two sonnes by this Dnedak had she
The whiches he kept in vertue and lettruce
But nowe but o our tale turne we
I say that so wor hypfull a creature
and wyse therwith a large with mesure
ho penyble in warre, and curteys che
he more labour myght in werre endure
was none, though at this world me wolde seke

Der tyche arapine myght nat be tolde
Is well in belleit is in her clothynge
he was all clad in percy and in golde
Ind cke the lefte nat for none huntynge
To have of londry tonges folke knowynge
Whan that the lepler had i a for to entende
To letne bokes was all her lykynge
Howe the in berty ber lyfe myght difpende

And Chortly of this ftory for to treate So boughty was her bulbande as the That they conquered many reignes great In the Drient with many a fayre cyte Appertenaunt bnto the maiche Of Rome and with frenght helde hem falt Ac neuer might her fomen do her fipe All the whyles that Onedakes dayeft laft

Her batelles/who so lyft hem for to rede
Agaphe Sapor the kyng/ and other mo
And howe all this procelle fyll in dede
why she coquered/ a what tytle she had therto
And after of her mischiefe and ofher wo
howe that she was beleged and ptake
Let hym to my mapfter petrark go
That writeth phowe of this I budertake

Whan Onedack was deed/the myghtply The remes helde/and with her owne hande Agapult her foes the fought trewly That there has prince he kyng in all plande But were glad lifthey that grace fonde That the he chulde byon his lande werrey with her they made alyaunce by bonde To be in peace/and let hem ryde and play

The emperour of Kome Claudius
Achym befognethe romagne Galpene
Ae durft neuer belo cogagnous
Ae none ermynine none egiptien
Ae lurryenine none arabien
Within the feldethat durft with her fyght
Left of the wolde hem with her bandes fleen
Dr with her mapny put hem to flyght

In kynges habyte wente her somes two
As hepzes of her realmes all
And hermanno and Tytamallo
b) er names were as perciens hem call
But ay: fortune hath in her hony gall
This myghty quene/may no whyle endure
fortune out of reigne made her to fall
To wretchydnelle/ and to mysauenture

Aurilian / whan that the governaunce
Of Kome came in his handes twep
He shope byon this quene to do bengeaunce
And with his legyons he toke his way
Cowarde Cenobie and shortly for to sep
He made her flye and at laste her hent
And setered her and the her chylogen twep
And wan the lande of home to Kome he went

## The Monkes tale

Imonge other thynges that he wan Der chare/that of golde was wrought perre This great romayne/this Aurilyan Dath with him lad that/for ment hulde fe Beforne his tryumphe walked the With golden chaynes / on her necke hanginge Trowned the was/as after her degre and full of perre/charged her clothynge

This fortune (the that whylom was Dredefull to kynges and to Emperoures Rowe gaureth all the people on her alas And the that helmed was in stacke stoures And wan by force townes stronge a toures Shall on her heed nowe were aucrempte And the that bare the septer full of sources Shall bere a dystatte her cost for to quyte

of Ppllane great Barnabo biscount God of delyte/Ascozge of Lumbardye way shulden at I thy fortune acounte Sythen in estate/thou clomben were so his Top brothers sonne/y was thy bouble alve for he thy neuewe was/Asonne in lawe within his prison made the to dye But why ne howe/not I y thou were slawe

f the crie Hugipn of Pple the langour There may no tonge tell toz pyte But lytell out of Pple / flandeth a tous In whiche tour / in pailon put was he and with hym his lytell chylogen that The eldell flace ly foue yere was of age Alas fortune / it was great cruelte Suche by des for to put in luche a cage

Dampned he was to dyen in that palon for Roger/whiche byithop was of Pyle had on him made a falle ludgetyon Thorows whiche/the people gan on him arple And put hym in paton/in luche a wyle. Is ye have herde/a meate and danke he had so smale/that well bunethe it may suffice and therwithall/it was full poore and bad

Ind on a day it be fyll/that in that hour whan that his meate was wonte to be brought The gayler ( hytte the dozes of the tour De herde it well/but he spake right nought

And int gete anone there fyll a thought That f ep for hungre wolde do him to oven Alas aoo he alas that I was wrought The with the teares fyll from his even

His yonge (onne/that thre pere was of age Unto his father he layo) why do be were what well our gapler bring our potage Is there no modell breed that he do kepe I am to hungry that I may not flepe there wolve god that I might flepe cuer Than thulve no hungre in my wombe crepe There is nothing than breed him were lever

Thus day by day! this chylde gan to crye Tyll in his fathers barme a downe it lay and layo, farewele tather I mot dye and by led his father Adyed the lame day and whan the worull father dyb hymlay fo; wo his armes he gan to byte and layo alas fo; tune, and welaway Thy taile whele my wo all may wree

Dis other chelde wende of for bungte it was That he his armes gnewe it nat for wo and layo tather do nat for alas But rather eate the fleishe boon be two Our fleishe thou pase be take our fleus be to And eate prough right thus the chelde lay be and after that within a day or two They lepde hem bowne in his lappe a derive

Dim felke dispayed eke for hunger flarfe Thus ended the myghty erle of pole from hygh estate fortune away time earfe Of this tragedy it ought prough lumple who so will here it in a lenger wyle Redeth the great poet of Itaple Char hight Daunte for he can it deuple fro popul to popul hat on worde will he far le

As any fende of lyeth full lowe about pet he/as telleth be Succonius
All this woulde had in subsection
Bothe est and west and Septemention
Of tubies saphyzes and of peries whyte were all his clothes brouded by and down for he in genumes/greatly gan delyte

# The Monkes tale.

Moze belpeate / moze pompous of aray Moze proude was neuer emperour than he That plke clothe that he had weared o day After that tyme he nolde it neuer le Aettes of golde threde had he great plente To fylibe in Tyber) whan hym lyft to play his luftes were as lawe in his degre for fortune as his frende wolde him oday

De Kome brent/for his dilptacpe
The senatours he stough boon a day
To here howe that tho men wolde wepe a crpe
And sough his brother/a by his suffer lay
his mother made he in a pytous aray
for he her wombe let sigtte/to be holde
there he concepued was/so welaway
That he so specilioshis mother tolde

Ao teares out of his epen for that lyght
Ae came but lapt a fapre woman was he
Great wonder is that he coude or myght
Be bomplman of her deed beaute
The wone to bringe him comaunded he
And dranke anon none other wo he made
whan might is toyned buts crucite
Alas to depe will the benym wade

In youthe a mailter had this empercut
To teche him lettrure and curtefpe
for of moralyte he was the flour
As in his tyme/but if his bokes lpe
And whyles his mayller/had of him mailtry
he made hym to connyng and to touple
That longe tyme it was or tyranny
or any byce ducke in him bucouple

Seneca his mailter was of whiche I deuple Bycaule Acro had of him luche diede for he for his byces wolde him challple Dilcretely as by worde and nat by dede shy; he wolde lay an emperour mote nede be bertuous and hate tyrannye for whiche he made hym in a bathe to blede On bothe his armes/tyll he mult bye

This Acro had eke of a customaunce In pouth! apeust his mapster to tyle Whiche afterward! hym thought a great gree Bye cause he ofte wolve him chastyle (uauce Therfore he made hom bye in this tople To chele in a bathe to beein this manere Rather than to have another turmentple and thus hath Aero Clayne his mapfter dere

Aowe fyll it lo/that fortune lyft no lenger
The hygh prive of Aero to cheryfibe
for though he were firog/ pet was the fireger
she thought thus/by good Jam to nyce
To let a man that is fulfylled of vice
In hye degre/and an emperour hym call
By god/out of his lete J wyll hym tryce
whan he lefte weneth/loneft thall he fall

The people role boon hym/ on an nyght for his befaute/and whan he it alpyed Dut of his dozes/anon he hath him dyght Alone/and there he wende have be alped by a knocked fall and aye the moze he cryed The falter I hyr they the dozes all Tho wylt he well he had hym selfe begyled And went his way (no lerger burt he call

The people crybe/s rombled by and downe That with his eares/he herde how of they laid where is this falle tyraunt this Acron for feare/full nere out of his wytte he dreybe and to his goddes/right pytoully he praybe for locour/but it might not betyde for drede of this/him thought that he deyde and ran in to a garden hym to hyde

And in this garden fonde he choiles twep
And lyttying by a fyze great and reed
And to the choiles twey/he gan to piep
To flee hym/and to gyzde of his heed
That to his body/whan he were deed
Were no dispyte done/for his defame
Hym felfe he flough/he coude no better rede
Df whiche fortune lough and had game

As neuer capitagne binder a kyng
W That reignes mo put in subjection
Ac strenger was in felde of all thying
As in his tyme ne greater of renoun
Ae moze poinpous in high presumption
Than Olophern whiche fortune are kyst
So sprozous ly ladde him by and boun
Tyll that he deed was or that he west

#### The Monkes tale

Aat onely that this worlde had of him awe for lelynge of cychelle and lyberte But he made euery man rency his lawe Aabugodonolor/was lorde layd he Aone other god fhulde honoured be Ayenst his helle/ there date no wyght trespace Saue in Bethulya/a stronge cyte Where Elyachym was preest of that place

But take kepe of the bethe of Dlopherne Ampo his hooft he dronke lay all night Within his tente large as is a betne And yet for all his pompe all his might Judyth a woman as he lay byzight Slepping his heed of limote and tro his tente full princip i he stale from enery wyght and with his heed but o her towns i he wente

Dat neverhit of kyng Antyochus
To tell his hygh and cyall matelle
His hygh pride his werke venemus
for suche another man was never as he
Reverh what that he was in Machabe
And redeth the proude werkes that he sappe
And why he syll from his prosperite
And in an hyll howe wretchedly he depoe

Fortune hym had enhaunted to in pride That veryly he wende he might accepts
Unto the flerres boon every type
Ind in a balaunce to way eche mountagne
Ind all the flodes of the fee refregn
Ind goodes people had he mofte in hate
Hem wolde he flee in tourment and in pepae
Wenynge that god ne myght his pride abete

And for that Apchaniore and Tyinorye whiche tewes were beneuled ing ghtyly Unite the tewes luche an hate had he That he had greethed his chare full haltely And (wore and layo full dispitously Unite Jeculatem he wolde etilone To wreke his pre on it full cruelly But of his purpole/was helet full one

God for his manace him fore mote with multible wounde age incurable That in his guices carte fo and bote That his paynes were unportable

And cert anyl the wreche was resonable forma gamannes guttes opd he pepne But from his purpose l'eursed 3 dampnable for all his smerte/he nolde hym restrepns

28 ut bab anone pareplen his hooft And lodagnip of he than was ware God daunted all his pride all his booft for he lo lore full out of his chare That all his lymmes and his layn to tare So that he ne myght go ne tybe 28 ut in a chapte men aboute him bare All for broted bothe backe and lyde

The wreche of god him smote so cruelly That in his body wicked wormes crepte And therwithall he stanke so horribly That none of all his megny that him kepts whether that he woke or els slepte Ac might nat of him the stynke endure And in this mischiefe he wapled a eke wepts And knewe god lorde of energy creature

To all his hood and to hom leife allo full waltsome was the stynke of his carego. As man might him beare to ne fro and in this stynke at in this hours le pagne. De strast full wretchedly on a mountagne. Thus hath this robber and this homecide. That many a man made to wepe and plagme buthe querdon as belongeth butto pribe.

The flory of Ilifauder is to continue
That enery wight of bath discression
Dath perde commbat of all of his fortune
This wyde worlde as in conclusion
They were glad for peace but o him sende
The pride of man and botte he lapte adoun
where so be came in to the worldes ende

Comparpion might yet neuer be maked
Bytwyrehim and another conquerour
fo: al this woild for diede of him hath quaked
De was of knyghthod a offredom doure
fortune bym made the beyre of high honour
have wome a women nothing might alwage
his high entent in armes and labour
so was he full of loupinge corage

## The Montestale.

What pride were it to him though I poutolde

Of Darius and of a hudged thousande mo

Of princes/eries/and kpnges bolde

Whiche he conquered and brought to wo

I say sas ferre as a man may ryde or go

The worlde was his what shill be I more der

for though I wrots/a tolde you ever mo super

Of his knyghthod it myght nat suffe

Twelve pere he reigned as I rede i Abachabe Philippes sonne of Abacedone he was That fyilt was byng of Grece that countre worthy gentle Alpsaunder alas That ever I hulde the fall suche a case Empoysonde of thy folke thou were Thy syce fortune hath tourned in to an ase And yet for the ne wepte the neuer a tere

Who shall peue men teares to complepne The bethe of gentplacife and of frauchyle That all the worlde welded in his deinepne And pet hym thought it might nat suffyle So full was his corage of hygh emprice Alas who shall me belpe to endyte falle fortune and poplon to dispyle The whiche of all this wo I wree.

from humble bedde to rpail maiefte ap role he Julius the conquerour Chat all the occident by lande and less the firength of hande lost cls by treate and but o Kome made hem trybutary and lythe of Kome emperour was he cyll that fortune wert his aduct lary

Impghty Celar that in Thellaly
Apenst Pompetus father thone in lawe
That of the Ditent had the choualty
As ferre as f the day beginneth to dawe
Them thorough knighthod hast take a slawe
Saue fewe folker that with Pompetus sledde
Thorows whiche f puttest all f Ditent in aws
Thanke fortune that lo well the speade

But nowe a lytell whyle I wyll bewayle This Pompeyusithis noble gouerneur Of Bomeiwhiche & fledde at this batayle I fay one of his menia falle traptour

his beed of (mote/to worme hom fanous of Julius/and to him the beed broughs Alas Hompey/of the Orpent conquerous That fortune onto thebe a fone the brought

To Kome agapne repapteth Julpus with his tryumphe lauceat full he But on a tyme But us Callius That euce had of his hie estate enure full princip had made confiprates apent this Julpus in subtile wife and cast the place in which he shulde dre with bookens as I shall you deuple

This Julyus buto the Capytoly went Upon a day/as he was wonte to gone And in the capitoly anone hymbente This falle Brutus/and his other fone And Aycked hym with bodkens anone With many a wounde/a thus they let him lye But never grunted he at no Aroke but one Drels at two/but if his Aory lye

So manly was this Julyus of bette
And to well loued effacely bonefte
That though his deedly woudes to loze timere
this mantell over his hyppes cafte he
for no man t buide to his primpte
And as he lay in dyenge on a traunce
And wyste verily that dye t buide he
Of honeste/yet had he remembraunce

ind to Sucton/and to Malery allo That of this flozy writen worde a ende Howe that these conquerours two fortune was first a frende/a lythen a fo Ao man trust byon her fauour longe But have her in a wayte for evermo wythese on all the conquerours stronge.

Aobles o worthy Petrosglozy of spapne whom fortune helde to he in magefte well oughten men the pytous beth complayns Out of the landes the brother made the the And after at a frege by subteste Thou were betraped a lad by to his tent where as he with his owne hande flowe the Succedeng in the reignes in the rente

## The tale of the Mont

The felde of inowe/with the gle of blacke therin Caught with the lymerobe/colourde as a glede the brewe this curfydnesser and all this spans. The wicked nest/was werker of this nede Aat Charles Olyuer/that toke ay hede Of trouth and honour/but of armorphe Genelon Olyuer corrupt for mede Brought this worthy bynge insuche a bryke

D worthp Betro/kynge of Cypreallo That Alplaunder wan/by hpe mailtry full many an Dethen wroughtest thou full wo of whiche then owne lieges had enup And for no thenge but for the cheualry They in the beed han slapne the by the morowe Thus can fortune well governe and gre And out of top brynge mento soowe.

De riche Crelus/whylom kpng of Lpbe
Of which Crelus/citusloze him bzabbe
Pet was he caught/ampb all his pappe
And to become / men to the fyze him labbe
But luche a rapne boun fro the fyzmament shab
That quepnte the fire/and made hym to frape
But to be warre pet no grace he had
Tyll fortune on the galouse made hym gape

Whan he ascaped was the coude nat strute
for to begrn a newe aray agapne
De wende well for that fortune hymsent
Suche hap t that he ascaped through the capne
That of his foos he myght nat be slapne
And cke as wenyn byon anyght he mette
Of whiche he was so prombe and the so fapne
That in bengeaunce he all his bertesette

Tipon a tre he was as hom thought
There Jupiter him wellhe both backe and love
Ind Phebus cke a fagze to well him brought
To be him with and ther with wert his pepde
Ind to his boughter/that flode hom belove
Which that he knew in high lentice habounded
De bad her tell what it lignifeed
Ind the his deemis right thus exponence

The tre quod the/the galowie is to mane Ind Jupyter/betokenethinowe and rayne Ind inhebus with his towell fo clene 28 ctokeneth the fonne beames foth to fayn Thou thait an hanged be faber certayn

Rapne ( ... the wallhe and some thall the dire Thus 1 ... warned bym full plat and full plepa Hisb ... aghter that called was Phange

In hanged was Crefus the proude honge Dis ryall trone might hom nat anaple Cragedy is i non other maner thonge Ac can in lyngpinge croen ne bewaple 23ut for that fortune aloan woll affarie what what fire the regnes that be proude for whan mentrust in her than woll the faylle Ind court her bryght face buder a cloude.

Aonnes paceft.

Oq the knpght good fit no mo; of this That pe haue faib is right phough ribis 3no mparil more for iptell beurneile To right rocuatto mespil folke Taelle 7 fape foz me juis a great bileale inhere as men haue be in mel be and cale Tobere of ber fobernfall /alas And the contract is top and folas as whan a man hath ben in pour el ate And clembeth by and wereth fortunate And there abports in profperite Suche thringe is gladlom as thris eth me Ind pfluche thonge were good for to tell Pequod our bolt by faport poules bell pelap reght fothithis Sonke clappeth loude Delpake howe fortune conterd with a cloude I woteneuer what and alasof a trageby Right nowe pe berbe and per de no cemed p Trisfo: to be waplen ne complepne That that is done and als it is a perne 3s pe haue (apolto bere of heupnelle Sprimonke no more of this lo god poublede pour tale anoveth all this companye Suche talkpinge is not worth a butterfly forthere in is there no buport ne game ipherfore fp: monke lo: dan Piere bp out natne T pray you battely tell by form bat els forfrketly/neteclynkyng of pour belies That on pour berbell bongen on cuery fpbe 13p heurn konge that for vsall oped I (bulbe or this have fallen boune for Clepe Mithough the flough bad never be lo depe Than had pour tale all be tolde in been

# The tale of the Ronnes preeft.

For certenty as that these clerkes sepn
10here as a man may have non audience
Aut belpeth it to tell his sentence
Ind well I woot the substance is in me
pfany things shall well reported be
Spr say somehat of huntyng I you pray
Any quod this monke! I have no lust to play
Aow set another tell as I have tolde
Than spake our bost with cube specke I bolde
Ind sayd to the nonness press anon
Com nere thou press/come byper thou syr John
Tell be suche thynge/as may our bertes glade
Be blythe though thou type bpon a Jade

what though the bots be foule and lens
pf he woll (ceue the recke the nat a bene
Loke that the bert be mere ener mo
pes (pr quod be pes book to mot I go
But I be mere | pwps I well be blamed
And right anon his tale be hath attamed
And thus he lard to be energehone
This (wete preeft this goodly man for John

Dhere endeth the prologue of the Pronnes preeft: and here after begynneth his tale.



Poore wybowe Come bele pftept in age was fomtome o wellong in a cotage Befpbe a groue fandpng in a bale This wpoome of whiche I tell pou mp tale Sonthat Dap that the was laft a worte In pacience led a full (pmple lpfe for lytell was her catell and her tent 23 p bulbandip of luche as gob bet lene She fonde ber felfe and ete ber boughtetn tho The large fowers bad (be and no mo The kone and the a Thepe that hight malle Well (otp was ber bour and the ber halle In whiche fhe eate many a flember meell Di popnaunt lauce/ne knewe (be neuer abeell As Departe moscell palled thosough her throte Der byate was accerbaunt to ber cote Replection ne mabe ber neuer (phe

I temperat bret was ber philyke And erercple/and bertes luffylaunce The gowte let ber no thenge for to baunce Ae Apoplerie Chent nat ber heed Ao mone ne branke (beinepther whyte ne reed Der lozde was molt ferupo with whyte a blacke Morike a browne breed i which the fond no lace Sende bacon/a fomtpme an epe or twepe fogfhe was as it were a maner bepe A perbe (he had enclosed all about 1bith apches and dipe orched without In whichefhe had a coche biabt chaunteclere In all the lande of crowpinge nas his pere his bopce was merier than the mery orgon meli lyketer was his crowpage in his loge Than is a clocke or in any abber an orloge 23 p nature be cre we eche allencion

Of the equinorion in the toun for when begres. rb. were alcended Than cre toe be that it might nat be amenbeb Dis combe wastebbet'than the fpn cozall Ind batelledi as it bab bea caftell wall Dis byll was blackelas any geet it shoon Lyke aluce were his legges and his toon Dis naples whyter than the lely floure and lyke the burned golde was his colour This gentill cocke hab in his gouernaunce Seuen bennes to Do all his plefaunce whiche were his fuffers / and his paramours and wonder iphe to him / as of colours Of whiche the fayzelt hewed in the throte mas cleped fapze bamofell Pettelote De fethereb ber an hundzed tome a bap Int fbe bim pleafeth all that euer fbe map Cutteplethe was bifcrete and bebonepze And compenabell and bare ber felfe fo farze Sprithe tyme that the was leuenpaht olde That trewlyche (be bath the bert in bolbe Of chauntecleres lokpinge in euerp lpth De loueth ber forthat well was him ther weth But luche a tope it was to bere hem lynge 10han the bapatt fonne gan to fpapnge In [wete accorde mp lefe is ferre in lande forthat tyme as Thaue bnberftande Beeftes and byzdes coude fpeke and fpinge Ind it fo fell! that in the Dawnpage As Chaunteclere | smonge his wpues all Sat on the perche that was in the hall And nert bem fat bis fapze Wertelote This Chaunteclere ganto grone inhis throte As a man in his breine is bretcheb fore And whan that Wertelot/thug berde hom roze She was agalt and lapo hert dere 10 hat apleth you to grone in this manere pe be a beep deper fre foz (hame And he answer de thus and lard madame I prap pouthat pe take it nat in grefe Bp god I mette I was in luche milchrie Right nowithst pet myn bert is foze afright Aome god quod he mp l'meuen reche a right Ind kepe my body out of foule piplon De met that I comed bp and boune Within our parbe / where Ifawe abceft Was iphe an houndely wolde have made a reeft Tipon my boop! and wolde baue bab me becb Discolour was betweete pelowe and reco And typped was bis taple / and bothe his earps

With blar walthe the remnaunt of his bearps Disfnor .e (mail/with glowpinge epentwep pet for! sloke almoft for feate Joep This aufethmemp gronpnge boutleffe Ima quod the fre for fhame berticffe Ilas quot the for by got about Aome haue pe loft mon bert and all mp loue I can nat loue a cowarde by my farth for certes what lo any woman lapth me all belicen if it myaht be To have hulbandes | hartop wple and fre Inblectet and non nygarbe ne no fole Achpmithat is agait of eucry tolle A e none auguntour by that got about Dowe burft pe lap for fhame bnto pour loue That any thonge might make you a feroe Daue pend mannes betti and baue a berbe Alag and conne pe be a ferbe of [ weuenps Aothorige but bantte god wote in [weuene 19 Sweueups ben engentiet of repletions and of fume and of completions 10ban bumours ben to babundaunt in a woaht Certes this breme which pe have met to ng gut Ttell pou trouth pe map trul me Cometh offuperflupte and reed coler parde Inhiche caale folke to brebe in ber bremps Of arowes and offre with tred femps Of reco beeftes that woll bem bete of contek and of walpes areat and free Erght as the bumout of Delancolpe Cauleth many a man in flepe to crpe for feare of great bulle and beris blase Diets blacke Deuple woll bem take Plother bumours coube Ttell alfo That worken a man in flepe mekell wo But I wpifpaffelas lpabelpas I can Lo Catoni whichethat was lo wole a man Sapoe he nat thus Do no force of premos Row (proquot the 1 whan we fire fro the beurg for goodes loue las tabeth forme lacatote Zip pervil of my foule anti of my lyfe T counfeple pouthe belt I well nat fre That bothe of coler and of malencolve pe purge pou / and forpe (buil nat tarp Though in this to work be non a poterary I Chall mplette two berbes teche pou That hall be for pour bele and for pour prou 3nd in our parte tho bertes (ball I fende The whiche baue of her properte by apride Copurge pou beneft and ese about

# The tale of the Monnes preeft.

forpet nat this for goddes obne loue pe be epate colerphe of complexion Ibhere the lon is in bis afcencion A: fpnbe pou nat ceplete of bumouts bote fortfpe bol date well ley a grote Than pe fhall baue a feuer terciane Di sis an ageweithat map be pour bane I pay or two pethall baue bigettoues Of mozmes/oz pe take pour laratpues of laureall centozp, and of fumetece Di ele of the cherberpes that growen there of Catapuce of of gaptipe berpes Of berbe pue growpage in our parte o merp is Dlucke hem by as they growe and ete hem in Be merp bulbande for pour faber kon Diebeth no bieme / T can lap pou no moze Madame quod be gramercy of pour lose But netherlelle' as touchinge ban Catoun That of mplebome bath luche a great renoun at hough he bad no diemes for to biebe By goo men map in olde bokes tebe of many a man moze of auctoppte Changuer Caton mas lo mot Tthe That all the truets layth of his lentence And baue well founde by experpence That bremes be lignificacions 3 s weil of topy as of tribulacions That folke enduren in this lpfe prefent There pedeth to make of this none argument The bery prefe fbeweth it in Debe One of the greattelt auctout that men repe Saith thus that Comtpme two felowes ment On ppigrymage in full good entent Ind happed fo they compnin a toun 10 bere as there was luche congregacion Of peopelliand che of ftrapte berbpaage That thep ne fonde ag mekpil as a cotage In whiche they both myght plobaco be 10 herfore thep must of necestipte Is for that night Depette company And cebe of hem goth to bis bofterp And toke bislodgynge as it wolbe falle That one of bem was lodged in a falle ferre in the parbe, with oren of the plome That other man was lobged well pnome As was his auenture ot his foxune That be governeth all in comune And to it befell longe of it bete bay This man mette in his beb there as be lap B) owe that his fclowe gan boon by m calle

And lapt alasifo; in anoxe falle This nyght fall I be mutbred there I lye Aowe beipe me Dete brother of Tope In all balt come to me belapte This man out of his Repelfor feare abrapoe Ind whan he was waked of his flepe Deturned him/and toke of this no kepe Dym chought his breme was but a banpte Thus twple in his flepe ozemed be And at the 1De tyme per bis felowe Cam as him thought a lapb Tam nowe flowe Beholde my blody woundes depeand wyde Arple bp erlpin the mozowe tpbe And at well gate of the towne quod be 3 cart full of bunge there (balt thou le In whiche mp body is byd full preuely Do that cart arell boloely Mp golde caused mp deth loth to lapa Ind tolor hom eucry poput bome be mas llaru 1Dith a full perous face pale of beme Ind truft well bie bremei be fonde right trewe for on the motomelas Coone as it was bap To bis felowes in be toke the wap Ind whan that he came to the ores stalle After his felowe be begento calle The offelet and werbe bim anone And lapdelp: pour felo me is gone Is fone as day be went out of the toun This man gan fallen infulpellpon Remembapinge of his bremes that be mette And forth he goth/no lenger wolde he lette Tinto the wellgate of the toun and fonde A bonge cart / as it were to bonge londe That was araped in the lame wole As pe baue berbeithe beed man beuple Ind with bardy bert be gan to crpe Mengeunce and tuftice of this felonpe De felowe murbied isithis fame nyaht and inthis cartibe leth gapenge be regbt Terpe out on the mpnpftets quob be That fulbe kepe and cule this cpte Bacome alas here lett mp felome flapn 10bat fbulbe I moze/of this tale farn The people out fact /3 caft the cart to grounde and in the mp bell of the bonge they founde The beed man that murbled was all newe o bieffull god that act fo good and treme Lo bowe that thou bewrepell murber almen Mutber well out that le me bap by bap Murber is lo waltfem and abbominable

To god that lo tult is and relonable
That he ne woll it luffre helpd to be
Though it abpde a pereloz two of thre
Durber will out this is mp conclusion
Ind right anon the mynithres of the toun
Dauc hent the carter/and lo loze him pyned
And eke the hosteler lo loze engyned
That they beknewe her wyckednesse anon
Ind weren an hanged by the necke boon
Dere may ye selthat dremes ben to dreds
Ind certes in the same lyfe I rede
Ryght in the nert chappter after this
I gab nat lo haue I sop and blys.

'mo men that wolde haue paffeb ouer & (e forcertepn caules in to a fer coutre pfthe wpnbene hab be contrarpe That made bem inacpte to tarp That Robe full mery bpon an hauen Cobe But on a dap apenft an eupn tpbe The wonde gan chaunge /4 blowe as bem left Tolp and glad they wenten to reft And call bem full etly for to Caple But herken'to one man fell a great meruaple The one of bem in Cleppinge as be lap De mette a wonder breme agapne the bap Bym thought a man fode by bis beddes (pbe And him commounded that he Chulde abpbe and lapt bom thus I if thou to mozo we wende Thou Chait be Diepntimp tale is at an ende De woke and tolbe his felowe what he mette And praped hpm/his biage for to lette-As for that dap he praped bym for to abyde Disfelomethat lap by bis beddes fpbe Gan for to laughe and (corned him full faft Ao breme quob he map lo mphert agait That I well lette for to bo mp thonges fict nat a frame/forthy brempinges for weueneg be but bamtes and tapes Men meten albapiofowles and of apes And the of many a male ther withall Ind beempn of thrige that never was ne fhall But fith I fe that thou wolt bere abybe And thus floutben wilfully the troe God mote it reweth me and baue good bap And thus be toke his leve and went his way But et be had halfe his cours playled I nat why I ne what mifchaunce it apled But cafuelly the flyppes botom to rent Ind (bpp and man biber the water went

Inlight cother lbpppes belpbe Chatr ith bim fapled atfame trbe Ind t'erfoze fapze Bertfot fo bere 23 pfiche enfamples olde maift thou bere That no man (hulo be to rechelelle Of Dzemes for Tap the boutleffe That many a breme full fore it for to brebe Loin the lpfe of fapnt keneime Trebe That was kenulphus fon the noble konge DI Mereturike howe kenelme mette a thringe Alptell or be were murbreb on a bap Dis murber in bis bilion he fap Dig nozice him expouned it cuery bell Dis weupn and bad hom kepe him well fro trefon but be was but. but. pere ofte Ind therfore intell tale be bath therof tolde Dlanp breme lo bolp was his bett Br god I had lever than my therte That pe bad berbe bis legende as baue 3 Dame Dettlot/ Tap to you truly Macrobeus I that wayteth the a bilion-In Affreke of the worthy Sception Affermeth dremes and faith that they been marninge of thinges that we after feen Ind ferthermore prap pou loketh weil In the olde testament of Danvell pf be helpe Diemes any bangte Redecke of Joseph and thereshull pele mondzes ben fomtprie but I fap nat all ibarning of thinges that foull after fall Loof Eapprithe kyinge that hight Phacao Disbaker and his butler allo Whether they felt none effect in biemes Who to woll febe actes of fonder temes Dap rede of diemes a wonder thenge Lo Crefus / whiche was of L poe aprige Met benat that be fat boon a tre whiche fignified besbulde banged be Lo Indrometa Dectors mefe That Dap that Decto: (bulbe lefe bis lpfe She bremed in thelame nyaht beforme Dow that the lyfe of Piecto: (bulde be lozne of that day be went buto batavie She warned bim but it myght nat auayle De went for to fratt netheles But he was Capne anon of Achpiles 23 at that tale is to longe to tell Ind che it is megt bap | Imar nat ometi Shorth Tlap as for conclusion That I (ball have of this austion

# The tale of the Monnes preeft.

Apuerlite and Tlap furthermoze That I netell of laratives no ftore for they be benemous | I wot it well Them Defpel Tloue bim neuer a Deell But no welet bs fpeke of mpathera ftpnt all this Madame Dertelot fo haue I blis of othenge gob bath melent large grace for whan Tie the beaute of pour face Pe belo leatlet reed about pour epen It maketh all mp bebefogto byen foz allo liker/as In pzincipio Bulier el hominis confulio Madame the Centence of this latyn is Inoman is mannes top and his blps for whan I fele on nyght pour foft fpbe 31 bett/that I map nat on pourpe for that our perche is made (o naco we alas am fo full of top and of folas That Toefpe both [weuene and breme And with that worde he five boun fro the beme for it was day land che bis bennes all Ind with a chucke be gan bem for to call for the had found a come lay in the perbe Ryallhe was and nomoze a ferbe Defetheryb Dertelot twenty tyme Ind trade bet che as oft orit was prome De loketh as be were a grym lpoun Ind on his toos he comed by and boun Dim beyned nat to let bis feet to grounde Ind chucked whan he had a come prounds and to him than ran bis wpucs all As reall as a prince in bis ball Leue Tthis chaunteclere in bis pafture And after woll I tell of his auenture 10 han the moneth in the which y worlde began That hight Barcheithat god field made man 1bas complete and pallpd were allo South Barche beganitwenty Dapes and two 23 efpli that chaunteclere in all bis papte Dissauen wpues walkpnge hom befode Caft bp his even to the barabt fonne That in the ligne of Taurus was pronne fourty degrees and one and fom what more De knewe by kynde and by non other loze That it was papme a crewe with a biffull deut The Conne be Capo is clombe by to beupn fourty begrees a one/a Commbat more pmps Dabame Pertelot mp woodots bips Detkyn howe this billfull byzbes fynge Ind is the freshe floures bow they spryuge

full is myn bert of reuell and folas But lobenip him fpll alozoufull cass for cuer the latter ende of top is wo God wordthat worldip top is fone ago Ind if a rethour coude fapz endyte De in a cronicle myght fauch mapte As for a Coueraph notabilite Rowe cucry wyleman berken to me This flory is alfo treme / T bibertake Is is the boke of Launcelot Delake That momen bolben in full great reuerence Aome woll I turne aventomplentence 3 coll fore full of depaht and iniqupte That in the groue had woned peres thre 28e brab pmagpnacton afoze caft The fame neght through the hedge braft In to the perbe there chaunteclere the fapze mas went and the his wpuesto repape Inp in a bed of wortes (apil be lap Tril it was palled biogen of the dap Waptrige his tyme on chaunteclere to fall In gladly bon thele homicides all That in a wapte ligge to murbze men I fals murberout tuckyng in thy ben m newe Scariot and neme Genelion fals dillimplour D greke Spnon That brought Trope biteripto lozo me D chaunteclere acusted be the mozo we That thou in the perce fipe fro the beames Thou were full well warned by the Diemes That pike pay was perclous to the But what that god afoze wote muft nedes be After the opinion of certapne clerkes Wrines of hpin that any clerke is That in fcole is areat alteracion In this mater and great disputacion Ind hath ben of an hundred thousande men 2But Ine can nat bulte it to the brenne Is can the holy Doctous Buftyn Di Bocce loi the byllhop Brad wardyn 10 bether that goodes worthy fore weepinge Strepneth me nebely to bo a thynge Acbely clepe I [pmple necell pte Diff the fre chole be grannted me To bo that fame thenge of bo it nought Though god for wote it logit was wought D: if his wriping freepreth neuer a Dell But by necelfpte condicionell I woll nat baue to don of suche matere Side tale is of a cockelas perball bere

# The tale of the Monnes r.

That toke his coulerll of his worfe with forome To malke in the perberbpon the mozome That he had met the breme las T pou tolbe Womens councepil benfull oft colbe -Womens councer! brought be frift to mo And made Moam fro Warabile to go There as he was full mery and well at eafe But for I nat whom I inpatt Dilpleale pf I counfeyll of women wolde blame Daffe ouce for Tapbit in mp game Repeth of aucto's wher thep trete of fuch mates Ind what thep fap of women / pe mo we here (te Thefe ben the cockes wordes and nat mone I can no harme of no woman beupne farze in the Conde to bathe her merely Lycth Bettelot and all bet fuffers bp Apenft the Connel and chaunteclere fo free Sange merper than the Dermapbe in thefee for Dhifologus farth biterly Dowe that they fyngen well and merily Ind to befyll as be call his epe Imonge the wortes on a butterfipe De was ware of this fore that lap full lome Ao thrnge than luft him fortocrome Buteryet anone/cocke cocke and by he flert As man that was afrapte in his here fornaturally a beeft befrieth to fle fro his contrarp if he map it fe Though be neuer had fene it erft with bisepe This chaunteclere whan he gan him alpye De wolde haue fled but that the fore anon Sarb gentyllfralaias what wrilve bon Be pe affraged of me that am pour frende Aome certes | were worfe than a fende pf Tto pou molbe harme oz belonve Jam nat comen pour counfepti to afppe But tremelp the cause of my compage Thas only to here howe pelpinge for tremely pehaue ag mery a fleupn As any aungell bath that is in heupn Therwith ve haue of muite moze felpinge Than had Bocce log any that can fringe Seplozoe pourfather goo his foule blis Ind the pour mother of her gentylnis Baue in my house be to my great ease Ind certes fpa full farne wolde Troupleafe But for men (peke of lyngynge I wolde lep So mot I browken well men eventweep Saue poul ne herbe I nener man folpinge As byd pour father in the moznynge

Cettes it ? bert all that be fonge Inb fort make bis boyce the moze ftronge De wol' elo pepn hpm that with bothe his epen De mu t wenke foloude be muft erren 3nd tonornon his tiprofe therwith all Ind itretche forth his necke longe and [mail Ind che be was offuche bifcrerpon That there was no man in no reapon That hpm in longe of wploome might palle Thaue well reed ban Burnell the affe Imonge his berle, bowe that there was a cocke forthat a preeftes (one paf brm a knocke Tipon bis legges / while he was ponge and nyce De made bym forto lefe his benefpce But certepn there is no comparison Betwerthe wploome and differenten Of pour father and of his lubtilite Aomelpnacth [p2 fo1 lapnt charite Letle can pe pour father counterfete This chaunteclere his wonges gan to bete Is man that coude nat his trefon afore So was he rauilibed with his flatter Blagve lozbes many a fals flatetout Is in pour court and many a fals lofpugous That plefe pou well more by my ferth Than be that lothfallnes buto you larth Rebrth ecclefraft of flatery Beware pe lozdes of her trecherp This chaunteclete fobe bre bpon bis tole Stretchpinge bis necke and belo bis even clofe Ind ganto crome lowde for the nones And ban Ruffell the fore fart by at ones And by the goige bent chaunteclere Ind on his backe towarde the wode hem bere for pet was there no man that bom fueb D befteny that maylt nat be efche med Alas that chaunteclere fleme fro the beames Blas his write raught nat of diemes Ind on a frydap fell all this milchaunce O Meuus that art goddelle of plefaunce Sithnes o the Ceruaunt mas this chaunteclere Ind in the ferunce bed all his power Mon for belyte than the worlde to multiplre 10hr wolden thou fuffre bim on the day to bee D Gauftpbe bere mapfter foueren That whan f worthy hing Kichard was flagn With that compleynort his perblofore Why ne had I nowe thy science and thy lose The friday for to chroen as byo re For on a friday Chortly flagne was he

# The tale of the Ronnes preeft.

Chan mobe Theme pourbom & T coun pleyn Lothome fortune turneth fobenly Toz Cheunteclere bzebelanb foz bis pepn Certes luche crpe/ne lamentacion Ass never of labres mabe wben that Thon Thas wen and Birrus with his bright furthe When he bent konge Bapam by the becoe Ind Come bim/as latth Enephos As maden all the bennes in the clos When that they had of chaunteclere the light But louccenip/Dame Dertelot fhatgbe full lowber than opd Baldzubalis myfe 10ben that ber bulbande bab loft bis lefe Zno that the comerns had beent Cartage She was to full of turment and of rage That wrifully in to the fpge fbe ftert And brende her felte with a ftedfaft bert D wofull bennes right fo cryben pe As when that Acco beent the cote Of Kome ceiben the (enatours wrues forthat her bulbandes (buibe lefe ber lpues Withouten apit Acro bath bem Clapn Aom myll I tuene to my tale agayn This felp mpoome and ber boughters tho Derben the bennescryen and make wo Ind out at the bose fert they anon Inb fame the for to warbe the mobe gon And bare boon his backethe cocke amer Ind criben out and barowe and welawer 3 ha the for and after him they can Ind the with flaues many an other man Kancolle our bogge/talbot and garlande 3 no malapn with ber billafe in ber banbe 13 an cow and calfe and the the beep bogges fortheplolore aferbe were of the bogges And tho berng of men and of women che They ranne fofurt bert thought to brebe They pellen as fendes bon in belle The bokes cepben as men wolde bem quelle The aces for feer flewe ouer the trees Dut of the byues came the foseme of bees So bidous was the nople a benedicite Certes Jacke Aca we ne bis mepne As made neuer (howers balle fo fhiff 10han that they wolde any flempinge hyll As that Day was made boon the fore of bas they bisme the trompes and of bope Of home a bousten which they blewe a powped In ther with they (briss) and (boute) It femed ias though heupa fould fall Row good men I pap bethen all

The hope and the pape of her enempe This cocke that lap bpon the fores bake In all bes breve buto the for befpake Ind fapt (pripf T bete as pe pet Chulbe I (ap) as mys god helpe me Turneth apen/pe proude churles all I berp pellelence bpon pou fall nowe am I come buto this modis [pbe Magre pour bede the cochefhall bere abpbe I well bem ete in feeth and that anon The for answerde in fepth it (ball be bon Ind as be fpake the worde all fodenly This cocke brake from his mouth Delpuerly And head boon a tre be flewe anon Ind when the for lawe that be was gon Blas quod be/ D chaunteclere alas Thaue quod be/ bo to pou great trefpas In as moche as I made pou a ferbe 1bben I pou bent & bzought out of pout perbe But (p2 Topbitnet in no wpcked entent Come Downe and I fhall tell pou what I ment Thall pou lap foth/fo god belpe melo Aar than quod bel Threwe bebothtwo and fraft Thewempfelferwith blode a bones pf thou beagle me ofter than ones Thou Chalt nomoze with the flaterpe Do me fpnge with a wpnkpnge epe for he that wenketh when be ibulo le All wplfullp god let him neuer thee Aap quod the for but god peue hom milchauce That is fo indifcrete of gouernaunce That tangeleth when that he Chuide haue peas Lo luche it is foz to be techeles Ind nealpaent and trufte on flaterre But ve that holden this tale a folge Is of a for and a cocke and an ben Taketh the mozalpte goed men for farnt Boule farth all that werten is To our boctepnelit is waitten pwis Taketh the frupte and let the chaffe be ftyll Aome good god if that it be the well 35 farth mp lozbe/fo make be all good men And bipinge be to the hegh bleffe. Imen.

Dere endeth the Ronnes preeft tale and bere after foloweth the Mancypyls prologue.

"Da Comes pieett our booft (apt anon phicles by the brechesand every frone This was a mery tale of chaunteclere 28 ut bp mp trouth! If thou were feculer a hou woldelt ben a trebefull a right for if thou baue corage as thou balt myght The were neve of bennes/as I wene pe moze than leuen tymes leuentene Se whiche brawnes bath this gentell preeft So great a neche and luche a large breeft De loketh aga (perhauke with his epen Dim mebeth hat his colours for to bpen 1bith biaspil / ne with graphe of Bostphgale 2But [pz | fapze falle rou toz pour tale Ind after that be with full mery chere Sapo to an other maniag pe Chall here Worpe nat where there flanbeth a lytell towns Whiche that is cleped bob bp and downe Inberthe blee in Caunterbery way There gan out booft to tape and to plap Ind land fpis/what bun is in the mpie As there no man for praper ne for hpre That woll a wake our felowe behynde A thefe might him full lightly robbe and bynde Se howe benappeth le for coches bones Dowe be woll falle from bis hozs attones Is that a cooke of London with mischaunce Do hpm comfort he knoweth his penaunce for he (hall tell a tale by my fep All though it be nat worth a boteli ofber A wake thou coke quod beigod yeue the forome 10 hat apleth the to depe by the mozowe Daft thou had fleen all npgbt / oz art thou bioke Da halt thou al night with fom queane plwoke So that thou maple nat holde by the heed This coke that was full pall and nothing reed sapo our hold lo god mp loule bleffe There is fall on me great beupneffe Aat I nat wby me me were leuer to flepe Than the belt galon of wrne in chepe 10cll quod the Mancpopil if it may bothe To the (pacoke) and to no wight oil plefe Whiche that here typen in this companye 3nd that our boft well of his cuttefye 3 well as now excule the of thy tale for in good fepth the bilage is full pale Then even balen lothly as me thenketh And well I wote thy brethfull foure ftynketh That the weth well thou art nat well bispoleb Dime certepn/thoushalt nat be glofed

Se bor Je asloethilo this bronken woaht 3s tho ub be molor be (malo me anon trabt Dolor clofe the mouth be the faber ken The sempli of beli (et bis fote therin Ch (urleb breth millenfect be all fre Apnhong (wyne fpe foulemoot the befall Take hene (pas of this luft man Aomel wetelp; woll pe iuft at ban Therto me thenketh ve be mellihape I trome that pe haue bronken wone ape Ind that is when men plepen at fitame And with his speche the coke wered all warms and on the Mancpopil be gan to nobbe fall for lacke of (peche aboun the boxle hom caft where as be lap/tril men bim bp tohe This was a fapre cheuclaunce of a cobe Blastbat be ne bad bolde bem be bis ladell Ind ce that he apen were in his labell There was a great fournge both to and fra To left bem be and mekell care and too so bu welled was this felp palled doft and to the Manceppil than (pake our boll 23 p cause that bipnke bath bominacion alponthis man by my fauacron I trome lembly woll be tell bistale for weer it wone or oloc multy ale Chat be bath bionken be ipeketh fo in bis nole and freigth faft and the be bath the pole De bath alfo to bo more than priough To kepe hom on his cappill out of the flouis Ind pf be falle from bis cappil ett (one Than (ball we all have prough to bone Inipftrage bp bis bronken corfe Tell on the tale of bim make I no foile But pet Manceppill in lepth thou art to nyce Thus openin to reproue him of his byce Inother day he woll parauenture Reclepme the and brynge the to lure I menethe (peke well of (mail thinges And for topyriche at the cekenyinges That were nat boneft if it came to the prefe Ao q the Macppell that were a great milchefe so mpant he bipnae me into the fnate pet had Tleuer pap for the mate 10 biche be epoeth on than be fould mi me ftepue woll nat weath him to mote There e That I [paker I faro it but to bourbe And wore pe what! I have bere in mp gouthe A braught of wone pe of a type grape Ind right anone perbull le a good tape

# The tale of the Mancyppll.

The cole than bepinke theroft I may and certonly to tellpun as it was aft this bestell the cole branke fast alas when be bad pouped in his borne to the Pancipy like toke the gourde agapne and of the deprike the coke was full farne and thanked him in suche west as he coude than gan our boost to lawghe wonder loude and say it is well it is necessary.

for that woll turne rancour and dieale Coaccorde and love and many a word to pele D Bachus p dielled be the holy name That lo can't turne ernelt into game Worthyp and thanks be to the depte Of that mater pe get no more of me Cil on the twickthon Mancepell I the pray well (p; quod he/berken what I fap.

Opere endeth the Mancypyls prologe: and here after foloweth his tale.



Den Phebus dielled ber in erthe aboun 3 soide bokes maken mencoon He was the most lusty bacheler Of all the worther and eke the beft archer De flough Pheton the ferpent i as belav Sleppingelapent the fon bpon a bap Ind many another nobyll worthy bene De with his bone wrought as men move pere Diep be coude on euerp menfiretep Inb fpngen that it was a meloby Ca here of his clere bopce the foun Cettes the honge of Chebes Amphion That with bes longe mallen the cite Couteneuerspage halfe fo well as he Therto be was the (emely it man That is or wass fyththe moribe began What neverb it his feture to discrpue

for in this worlde was there non lo fayre a bue De mas therwith fulfylled of gentylnelle of bonour and of perfeght worthpreffe at his Phebus that was floure of bachelery As well in frebom as in chyualry for his disport in ligne che of bictory Df Dbeton lo as telleth be the flory Thas wont to bete in his bande a bowe Aom hab this Phebus in his houle a crome Within a cage profited many a bay Ind taught it fpekelas men teche a Tap Whyt was this crowe as is a (now whit fwan And counterfyted the speche of every man De coude when he fould tell a tale There was in all this worlde no negotiongale Ae coude be an bundred thoulande bele Sprige lo wonder ip metelp and wele Aow had this Whebus in his boule a wple

Whiche that he loued moze than bis ipfe And nyght and bay byo euer his belygence Der for to pleafe and Do ber reuerence Sauc only liftheloth if I Challfagn Teloughe was and wolde haue kept her farne 3 02 him were loth taped for to be And fors every wyaht in luche beare But all for nought for it auapled nought a good wefe that is clene of werke and thought Shulbe nat be kept in non awayte certeyn And trewly the labour ig in begne Tokepeafhzewe / foz it well nat be This holde I for a berp npcete Co (ppli labout for to kepe wpues Thus warten olde clerkes in her lpues But nowe to purpole as 7 fraft began This worth Phebus both all that becan To plefen her wenninge thoso we fuch plefauce And for his manhod and for his gouernaunce That no man (bulo put him from her grace But god it woot there may no man enbrace As to diffrence a thringe whiche that nature Dath naturally let in a creature Cake any byzbe and put bim in a cage and bo all then entent and the cozage To foftre it tenderly with meate and bapnke Mf all deputes that thou canst bethpube and kepe it alfo clenly as theu may All though his cage of golde be neuer lo gay pet hath this by the by twenty thoulande folde Leuer in a foreft that is wolde and colde Bo cate wormes and luche wretcheonelle for cuct this bride well dobis bulinelle To ascape out of his cage whan be map Dis lpbette the byide delpieth ap Let take a cat and foffre ber with mplke And tender fleffbe/and make ber couche offpike Ind let bet le a moule go by the wall Inon (be meaueth fleffbe and couche and all And every Depute that is in that boule Suche appetrte hath the to eate the moule Lo berebath luft bis Dominacion Ind apperpte flemeth biferecton Afthe wolfe bath alfo a bylenskynde The lewbelt wolfe that (be may fynde Delect of reputation that well (be take In tyme whan her luft to baue a make Il thefe enfamples (peke I by thefe men That ben butte we and nothinge by women Formen baue euer a licorous appetrte

On lowe page to perfourme her beipte Than c her wpues be they never lo fepre Mene et lo treme ne lo bebonepee fiell eislone to fangpil with mischaunce The twe ne konne in no thynge baue plefaunce That fowneth bnto bertu any wohrle Thus Phebus whiche thought no avie Difcepued was to: all bis tointe for bnoct him another had (be 3 man of lytell reputacion Aat worth to Dhebus in comparison The more harme is it happeth oft fo Of whiche there cometh moche harme and wo Ind fo befell when Phebus mas ablent Dis wyfe anone hath for her lemman fent Der lemman certes that is a knauil be (peche forpeue it me and that I pou befethe The wefe Plato fapth as pe mom tebe The worde muft nebe accorde with the pebe pf nien (bul tell pioperly a thrnge The worde mult colpin be to the morapinge 7 am a bopitous man rpgbt thus fap 7 There is but lytell Defference tre wir Betwer a wpfe that is of hrat beare pf of her body diffonest the be And a poose wenche other than this of (o be thep werke both amps But that the gentpll is in frate aboue She fhall be cleped his lady and his louc And for that other te a poore moman She hall be cleped his wenche or his femman and goo it woot mpn owne bere brother Men lepe as lo me that one asthat other. Reabtlo betwer a titelers tpraunt Ind an out lame o: a thefe erraunt The fame I fap there to no bifference To Blifaunder mas tolde this fentence That for the treaunt is of greater moute Bpforce of mepne to flee Downeright Ind beenne boufe and home and make all plern Lottherfore is be depro a captern and for the outlawe bath but [mail merne Ind may nat bo fo great an harme as be Ae bipinge a countre to lo great mplebete Denclepe beman outlame o: a thefe But for Tam a man nat tertuell T woll nattell ofcertes neuer a beell I well go to me tale as I began 10ban 10bebug wofe bab (em fo: ber lemman Anone they woughten all thetr luft bolsae

# The tale of the Mauncipyll.

This whyte crowe that bynge ap in the cage Behelbe ber merke and lapo neuer a mozbe And when boom was come Dbebus the loabe This crome longe cuckowe cuckowe cuckowe Tobat byzbe quod Dbebus what frnacft thou Ac were thou nat wont lo mercly to lyng a bat to mp bert it was a reiopipna To bere this bopce alas what longe is this 23p god quod hel I fpnge nat amps Dhebus quob beitoz all the morthenelle for all the beaute and the gentilnelle for all thy longe and all thy minitalcy for all the waptengerblered is then ere with one of lptell reputation Aat worth to the in compary fon The mountaunce of a gnat fo moot Tthepue for on the bed the wyfe / I lawe bem (wpue What woll be more the crowe anone bim tolde By fabbe tokens and by wordes bolde Dow that his wpfe had bon her lecherp Dem to great Chame and great belong Ind tolde hom efte be lawe it with his even This Dhebus gan a wepwarde forto pilen Dym thought his wofull bette braft a two Dis bowe he bent ano let therin a flo 3nd in his vicibe bath bis mpfe flapne This is the effect there is moze to lapne forforome mberof be brake bis mpnftralip Bothe harpe and lute geterne and lawtrp Ind che be brake his acowes and his bome Ind after that thus (pake beto the crowe Traptourquod be with tonge of (coppion Thou haft me brought to mp confusion Blasthat I mas wrought, why nere I beeb O bece wpfe | @ gemme | D luftpheed That were to me lo lab and the lo trewe Aome peft thou beed with face pale of heme full apitiellet that burft Timere pwpffe atabil bonde to bo lo foule ample D trouble wpt | D pze rechetelle That buaupled (pnneft apitieffe D wan truft full of fals (ulperton 10here was the wet and the different Deuery mam beware of rekylneffe At tro we nothpinge without fronge wptnelle mpte nat to Coone to: thou wpt wbp and be aupled well and likerly Dipe be any execucion Ulpon your yze to a luspecton Blas a thoulative folke have rekyll yze

fully forbone, and brought hem in the mpre 3!as foz (ozowel 3 wyll my felte flee Ind to the crowe Dfals thefe lapo be I woll qupte anone the falstale Thou longe whylom lyke an nightyngale Aowelhalt thou fals thefeithy longe forgonn Che the whyte fethers euerpchone Denener in all thy lyfe Chalt thou fpcke Thus fhuil men on a treptout be a wicke Chou and then offpapinge euerfhall be blake Ac neuer lwete norfe (bull pemake 2But euer crpe apenft tempeft and rapne In tokyn that through the imp woffe is flapne Ino to the crowe be ftert and that anone Ind pulled of his whyte fethers cuerychone Ind made hom blacke and reft him all his fong Ind the his fpecheland out at doze bym llonge Tinto the Deupli whiche I bim betake and for this cafe be all crowis blake Lozopnaes/brthis ensample I wyll poupray 28 emare and take kepe what 3 fap Oc tellpeb neuer no man in pour lpfe Dowe that another man bath beght his mete De mell pou haten moztalle certagne Dan Salomon as wyfe clerkes fapne Cecbetha man to kepe bistorige well But as I fapb/ I am nat tertuell But netheleffe thus taught me my bame Sip fon thenke on the crowe a goodes name Sppfor kepe well the tongue a kepe the frende I wicked tongue is worfe than a fende Ap Confrom a feude men map bem bipffe May fon god of his endleffe goodneffe walled a tonque with teth and leppes eke for man shulochim auple what hespeke Dep (on full oft/ foz to mpkpll (peche Dath many a man befpplt/ag clerkes teche But foz lytell (peche/spoken auplebly I s no man (bent to (peke generally App (on the tongue shuldeft thou restreene It all tometbut whan thou boll the pepne To fpeke of god in houout and praper The fraft bettue fon pf thou mplt lere Is to reftrapne and kepe well the tonge Thus letne chplozen/ whan they be youge De son of mpkellspekenge bn ausled There laffe (pekpingel hab phough (uffpleb Cometh mpkpil harme, thus was me taught Ju mpkplispeche spnne wanteth naught Wolt thou wherfore a rakpil tonge letueth

# The Battons protor

Right as a fweede forcutteth & forkervery In arme a two/mp Dete forme right fo I tonge curteth frenol byp all atwo I langeler is to gob abbompnible Bede salomon to wple a bonourable Liebe Daupo a his platmes rede Seneke De fonne (peke nat/ne with the beed & beke Diffemule as thou were defeit p thou bere The langelour (peketh of perlous matere The flemping lapthe lerne if that thou left That letell langelenge cauteth moche reft My connert thou no wicked worde half lapb The date nat diede for to be bewrapd But he that hath myllagde I bare well lapne De may by no way clepe his worde agapne Thyng that is layous layo & forthe it gothe Though hom repent of hom be neuer lo lothe De is theall to hun to whom be bath lago I tale for whiche he is nowe puell apapo My Conne bewate/and be none aucto: ne we Dftpopnges whether they befalle or trewe where to thou come amonge bye or lowe kepe well the tonge and thenke en the crowe

There endeth the Manceples tale, and here begynneth the Marlons tale

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I that the Mantepple had his tale embed The Conne tro Plouth Ip De 18 Difcenbed so lowe that it was nat to mp lyabt Degrees of type and twenty of bygbs Ten at clocke it was fo as I gelle for enleuen fote a lytell moze og lelle De Chadowe was at that tome as there Of Cuche fete as my length parted were In. bi. fete equally of proporcion Therwith the mones craltacion I meane Lphia/alway gan accende As we were entrynge at the thoppes ende for whiche our hofte as he was wont to gre Ape in this cale this toly companye Sapo in this wple:lozopnges euerp chone Rowe lacketh be no tale moze than one fulfylled is my lentence and my Decre

Who wr . no we tell a tate let fe Almoft . fulfpiled is myne ozbynaunce pia to gob! fo peur bun right good chaunce The telleth this tale to be luttely Spi picell quob be atte thou a bicary D: acce thou a perfont Cap Cothe by the tap 28 e what thou be breake thou nat our play for cuery man face thou bath tolde his tale Unbode and thewe us what is in the male for trewly me thynketh by the chere Thou Chulbell knyt bp well a great matere Cell bs a fable anone for cockes boncs This person bym answerde all at ones Thou getteft fable none tolbe fo: me for Poule that writerh to Tymothe Repreueth bemi that wayuen fothfallnelle Ind techen fables and luche wietchponelle Why (buide I come drafte out of my foft Whan I map fowe where if that me lot To, whiche I fap if that pe ly to bete Mozalpte and of bertuous matere and than if ye well your me andpence wolde full fanne at Crofte greuerence Bone pou plefaunce lefull as I tan But trufteth well 3 am a someren man can nat telle, rum ram ruf by letter Ind gob wete spine bolde I but lyteil bettes And thestogetifpe left I well nat glote I well postell alptell cale in proce To knot bo atl this feelt and make an ende Ind Jolu for bis grace wette me lende To theme you the way in this brace Df thylke perfete glo:tous pylatimage That byght Terufalem celeftyail And if pe bouchelaufe anone I [ball Begyme boon my tale for whiche I play Tell pour auple I can no better lap But nethelelle this meditacion put it are buber correction Df clerkes fo: Jam nat tertuell I take but the fentence truffeth well Therfore I make protestacion That I wyil frande to correction Upon this worde we have affented fonc for as it lemed it was for to bone To enden in Come bestuous lentence And for to peue honi (pace and audpence And bad our book be (bulde to bem lep That all we to tell bis tale bem prep

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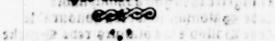
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ate sweteloide god of bes uen that no man wyll periffhei but well that we comen all to the knowlegping of him/and to Tthe blyf full lyfe that is parous table amonelfheth be by the prophet Jeces mpe that faith in this wyle: Stadeth bpon the water and le and alke pe of olde pather/ that is to lay of olde lenteces which is good wape: and walketh in that wap and that is tetrelThyng for your foules. Many been the wapes (ppzituall pledenfolke to our lozde Jelu Cryfteland to the reigne of glozpe. Df whiche waves there is a full noble way and well covenable which map nat taple to man ne to woman that through spnne hath mps. gone fro the right way of Therulalem celes tryall: and this way is cleped penytence. Of whiche man (hulde gladly herken and ens quyze with all his hette/to wete what is per nprence og penaunce and wete whence it is cleped penytence : and howe many maners ben the actions of werchynge of penytence and howe many fpices there be of penytence and whiche thyriges behouen and appettey, nen to penytence. Sapute Imbrole laythe! that penytence is the plepnynge of the man tor the gelte that he hath do and no more to Do any thyringe for the whiche hym ought to planne. Ind Come Doctour Capthe that per naunce is the weymentyinge of manityat for toweth for his fonne, and pyneth hym felfe, to; he hath mploone. Bengtence with cet, tapne cpacumftaunces is berp repentaunce of man that holdeth hym felfe in folowe and other papie for his gyltes. And for he Chall be bery perptent be thall fyzit bewaylen the lynnes that he bath done and fledfally pur pole in his herte to have Chafte of mouther and to bo fatil faction | and neuer for to bo thing for which him ought more to be wayle of complaine and to conthine in dood met.

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barefote. Dreup penamice is that men bone all pay to 1 paup (punes / of whiche we ( bate uen baptucip and recepuen prup penauce. Bowel ball thou bnocellanoe what bebos weth a so necellary to enery prup penytente! and thele flanden in thre: Contricton of bert confestion of mouthe and fatilitaction. for whiche Johan Crifoltom laythe: penytence bitteeneth to accept benyngip cuery payne that is hom enterned to contriction of bette and f baifte of mouthe with latilfaction and worchynge of all maner bumplite. Ind this ss frucefull penaunce apenit tho thpnges un mbiche we wathen our lozde Thelu Crpft. This is to lay Delpte in thonkyng by reche lefnelle in fpekynge by wyckeb and fynfull worchyng. Avenft thele wicked gyltes is pe naunce that may be lykened to a treithe rote of this tre is contricion/that by beth bym in the bette of bym that is bery repentauntel right as the rote of a tree by beth bym in the erthe. Of the rote of contricion fpingeth & Calkerthat beareth beaunches and leaves of confession and frute offaciliaction. Of whis che Crift fapthe in the golpell: Dope bygne frute of penytence for by this trute men map knowe this tre, and nat by prote that is by o in the berte of a man noz by the brauches ne leaves of confellyon. And thecrozerout lagoe I du Crostiapthe thus: By the frute of hem pe Chall knowe of hem. Df this cote (pipns geth alege of grace whiche lede is mother offykernelle and this lede is eger and bote! the grace of this feor fpungeth of godithos rough the remembrance of the day of dome! and of the parnes of bell. Of this mater Sa lomon (apthe that in the ozede of god a man folletteth his finne. The beate of this feve is the love of god and belyzing of the top pare burable:this beate o;a weth the berte ofman to god a bothe bun bate his fpme. for there is nothing that fauouteth lo fote to a chiloe as the mylke of his notice: we nothing is to bym moze abbompnable than p mpthe whan st is medied with other implac. Byght fo the Cynfull man ploueth his (pnne/ it Cemeth it 15 to hom moft (wete of any thong: But fro that tyme that he loueth Cably our loade Tes lu Crylle and despreth the tote parourable

there is to bem nothenge more abbompnas bly. Toxfothe the loue or god is the lawe of god. To; whiche Daupd the prophete lapthi thaur loued thy lawer and pared wpckeds nes: he that loueth god kepeth his lawe and his worde. This the prophete Dangell ens (price upon the vylion of Aabugodonolog) whan he countagled hym to do penaunce. Denaunce is of the tre of lyte to bem that it recepuen. Ind be that boldeth hpin berp pis notent is bleffed after the Centence of Salor mon. In this penptence of contriction man fuall binderstands foursthynges, that is to Cape, what is contriction and whiche ben the causes that meuen a man to concrecion and howe he Childe be contepte and what come tricion analect to ploule. Than is it thus that cotricion is the very folowe that a man restrepneth in his berte for his spines with labbe purpole to lyzue bym and to bo pas naunce and neuermoze to Do finne. And this forowe ( hall be in this maner as layth faint Bernarde it Chall be greuous and heup and well Charpe and poynaut in herte. firft to; a man bathe agylted bis lozde & bis creatour/ and more (barpe and popnaunt for be bath agplied his father celetivall : And per more Charre a populaunt for he bath wrathed him and agylte hymrhat bought him if with his precious blode/bath oclyueted bim com the bondes of lyune and fro the cruelte of the dy uell and fo the pepnes of bell. Thele caules that meue a man to contricpon ben. bi. firf man [ ball remembre bym of bis (ynnes/ but lobe that remembraunce be to bom no delete by no wave but great (hause and fozowe for his aplie. for Tob laythe (pufull men done werkes worthy of confulyon. Ind therfore Capth Esechyell Twyll remembre me all the peres of my lyfe in bytternelle of mp berte. And god larthe in the apporalpps: Kememe bre pou feo whence that pe be fall: for before the tyme that ye (puned ye were the children of god and immes of the rapgue of gol. But for your fynne pe ben waren thall and foule members of the fende bate of aungels les / falaunder of holy churche and fode of the falle (expente | perpetuall matrie of the fre of bell. And that more foule and abbas

mpnable for pe traspace as offe tyme as both the hounde that tourneth agapthe to eate his owne spung. And pet fortestiat pour longe contynupage in spune a pour spitual blaget for whiche pe be coten in pour spines i as a beek in his dunge. Suche maner thoughtes mater the man as homed for his spines and no delyteras saythe the prophet Esechy ell. Pe shull remembre pour of your wegest and they shall despes that leade folks to hell.

The lecode cause that ought to make a man have descent who so dothe lenne is this as saying sagnit detect who so dothe lenne is that to lenne; 3 sense putteth a man in great that to dome. And the total and in great that dome. And the total and the prophete descripelt I wente so well aught a man have of my selfe. Tettelse well ought a man have described and without we have that this loom and biloup. So, so what sauth sence a in this mater, be sayine thus.

Though I wefte that negther goone man Chalde neact know uspet motoc & haus out. Dapque forto Do Cpime. Indthe tame Ses neca fapthe fam boine to greater toping.s/ than to be chiall to my body: more theall may no man ne woman make of his book i than peue his body to lynne: and were it the to wi lest chorte or the fowlest woman that spurch and lette or valewe per beis charged and mofte foule and mofte in (etuytuve cace, 102 the hper degre that a man fallety the more is be the all and more to god and to the most of byle and abbompnable. D good goo well oughta man baue od ocygne of tyme tyme that through that there as ye was feel nowe 18 be made bonde. Jan the crose laythe tayin Bulton if thou half discaping of the iccuracy if be applie of francibane thou than no off Dayne peron toy telfethulock botume cake rewards of thene owne valewe that thoune be to foule to the felfene to chyne. Ilas well oughten thep that have bytoapque to befer. ununtes and thall to fpine force be achamed of byin feltery god of the enderle good nelle bathfette in gygbe ettate or peuc ypm Arenath of boop beaute of profective and bouque bem tro & Deth way his bette blook that they to unkynoly against his griplicite

queten into belave letto Caughter office amue sules. Daoso god/ pe women that bene great beaute remebre pou on the pio: yer le of salomon: he laythe he leheneth a far a woman that is foule of ber boop to a trage of golder that is worne in the groune of a lowe: for sight as a lowe wroteth in eue ty olduteilo wjoteth (be bet beaute in apris king ordute of spane. The charge cause that ought to meue a man to contricton is brede of the day of donie and the horepble paymes of bell. for as layth lapne Tecome ac euery tome that I remembre of the dap of boine I quake for whan Jeate o: Ounke, o; do whas lo I do euct me lemeth & trompe lew neth in mpne cares: Epleth bp y ben occo ano come pe to p tugement. Q good god, moche ought a man to diede suche a sugemet stress as we Chall be all (as fapth faine Doule) betoze the Brapte tugement of our loide Thau Ceptt where as we fhall make a generall coge gar cion/ where as no man may be abiet. To; ces telle there auayleth none ellopne ne none er culation/3 nat onely that out fautes ( ball be suged but che our wether fball openly be knowen. Ind that as laut laint Bernarde there ne Chaino plecong auapte ne no flesubt we fhall your rekening of enery pole wo joe. There ( hall we have a unge, that map has be Difcepued ne cortupte: and whye tox tertelle all our thoughtes be discoursed as to byin ne for prayet ne for mede be well nat be core rupte. Ind allo belapthe: the wasthe of god well nat fpare no weght for paret ne to; pefte. And thertoge at days of bonus there is none bope, wherfore as layth lame Jacetine full great anguethe shall the spatull toike have at that tyme, where thall be the flarme and worth inge fytteng about a bader bym the bosephle pre of hell open to defroy byth that wolde nat beknowen his lynnes, which fprince f bullen openly be the wed betoge god and every creature. Ind on the lytte ipoe mo byuels than p bette may thenke for to barry and diamethe Contilliouses to the optic of bell. Ind with in the better of folke i pall be the bytyage conference, and without touche Chall his weekes accide him. Than thall the wietched foule die to bode bin. But cerrelle T.III.

be may not bybe bym be mufte come forthe and ( bewe bymt for cettelle as faythe faint Terome the erthe (ball caft bom out of bom and the fee alle and the appe allo that [ hall be full of thumber clappes and lyghtnynge. Aobefothely who to well remembre bem of thefe thinges | I gelle that his finnes (ball nat turne bim to belpte/but to great fo;owe/ for brede of the paper of belle. Ind therfore lapthe Job to god: fuffre loide that I may a whole bewarle and bewepe of T go retours aprige to the becke erthe and courted with Derbenefferthe lande of mpfery and of berke nelle where as is Chabowe of Dethe where as there is mone other orbynauce but grylly brebe that euer fhall laft. Lothere map pe fe that Tob praped refpete a whyle to bewepe and warle his trefpace: for fothely one bap to telorte us better than all the treasoure of this worlde. Ind for as moch as a man map acquitte bymleife befoje god by penptence in this worlder and nat by trefour therfore f bulbe be pray to god to peut bym telppte a miple to bewepen a bewayten his trefpace. Jo: certeffe all the forowe that a man might make fro the begynnynge of the worldeinps but a lytell thynge at the regarde of the los rowe of hell. The cause why that Job cles peth the lande of berkenelle bnberfanbeth that he elepeth it lande of erthe for it is far ble and neuer Chall faple Derkenelle: fo; be that is in bell bath defaute of light naturall. Toz certeffe the berke lpght that Chall come out of the free that euer ( hall beenne) Chall tourne bem all to payne that ben in bell for it (heweth hym all the horryble byuels that bem tourment couerde with the derknelle of betbe that ben the frines that the wzerched man bath Done | whiche that Diftourben him to le the face of god ryght as a berke cloube betwene be and plonne. Londe of Defeiel bycaufe that there be thre befautes apenft thre thynges that folke of this worlde hauer in this prefent lpfe: that is to (ap bonoures) Delptes / and rychelle. Byenft honour haue they in belif hame a confulyon. for well pe wote they clepen bonout the teuerence that men bone to men: but in bell is none honout ne teuerence for certelle no more teuerence

Chall be there to a hynge than a knaue : for whiche god lapthe by the prophet ferempe. The tolke p me bupplenit ball be in buppte. Fronour is che cleped a great logof bip thene Chall no weight fetuen other but of harme and turmet. Donout is the cleped great big note and begonelle: but in bell ( ball they all be fortroden with dyuels as god laith. The borryble bruciles (bull go and comen bpon the beedes of Dampned folke. Bud this is for as moch that the bret that they were in this pictence lyfe the more they (bull be abated) and Defouled in bell:apent o tichelle of this worlde [ hall they have mylele of pourtie, and this pourte [ hall be in four thinges:in befaute of treasour of whiche Daupd lapth. The tyche folke that enbracen a coueten in all her hert the tychelle of this worlde ( bull Cleve in the Clepynge of Dethe as nothpinge Chull they fynde in ber handes of all her trea four. And moze over the implefe of bell fhall be in Defante of meate and bunke: for got larthe thus by Morles, pe (ball be walted with hunger and the byzdes of hell Chall Der uour bem with bytter bethe and the gall of the diagon ber morcels. and ferther ouer ber mplels | Chall be in Defaute of clothpinge | for thep ( ball be naked in body as of clothying) faue the fyze in whiche they beenne la other fplthes and naked (ball they be in fowle of all maner bertues | whiche p is the clothing of lowle. Where ben than the gay robes and the lofte (betes and fyne (bettes Lo what Carth god of hem by the prophete Hay that buter hem Chall be frawed mothes and bet couertours ( hall be of wozmes of bell. Ind furtherouer her mplefe (hall be in Defaute of frendes for he is nat poore that bathe good frendes but there is no frende. for neyther god ne good creature (hall be frende to bem) and every of hem ( hal bate other with deco. ly bate. The fonnes and the Doughters Chall rebell apent the father and moder and apn rede apent kpntede and chyben a dyfppfen eche other/bothe bap a npght. Is god fapthe by the prophete Depcheas: and the loupinge chylogen plamtpine loueben fo flellbly eucs riche of them wolde eate other if he myght: To; bowe Chulbe they lous to gether in the

papines of hell whan thep hated ech other in the profperpte of this lote. for truft well ber fic Toly loue is occoly bate as layth the plos phet Baupd: who lo loueth wpckeonelle he bateth his owne foule and who to bateth his owne foule | certeffe he may loue none other wyaht in no mancre. And therfore in bell is no frendl hpp but ever the more curlying the more choping and the more beedly haters a mong bem. Ind furtherouer they ( hall baue Defautes of all maner belites to, why: for De lytes ben appetytes of the wyttes as lyghti berpna (mellyna fauouryna touchynge) but in hell ber light ( hall be tull of derkneile of smoke/and full of teates/and her herynge full of wapmentping a of gruntping of tether as Capthe Jelu Crpit. Der noftrylles ( halbe full of Aphkyng. Ind as fayth flage the plo phete her fauourpinge fhall be full of bytter gall and as touching her body it Chalbe co. uered with frie p neuer [ hall be quenched ! and with wormes that never Chall operas god farth by the mouthe of Ilage: and fo; as moch as thep f bull nat were that they mowe bye for payne 14 by bethe fipe fro payne that may they bnoerstande in the wordes of Job that faith that there is the Chadowe of Dethi certelle a Chabowe bathe a lykenelle of the thyng of whiche it is badowed: right lo far reth the paper of hell it is lyke bethe for the anguplite borryble and why: for it peyneth hem euer as though men Chulde bye anone but certesse they (pall nat dye: for as lapthe fant Gregorpito wretched captifes ( hall be bethe without bethe and ende without ende and befaute without faylonge for her bethe Chall alway lyue ther ende thall euermoze bearnne, and her defaute hall neuer faple. Ino therfoze laythe laynt Johan the Quant gelpft they [ hall folowe bety and they [ hall nat funde hum and to befree to ope and beth I hall the fro them. And the Job laythe that in hell is none ordre of rule. Ind all be itto! that god bath created all in tyght oldie and nothenge without ordre but all thenges be orderned a nombred: pet nethelelle they p be dampned be nothing in ordre me holde none 02020 for the erthe [ ball beare bem no frute. for as the prophete Baupd layth: god fhall

byftrop ... we trute of the erthe from bem! ne water pall peue bem no mopture ne peppe no ce' ellbenge ne the free no leght. for ag fart, farnt Bafple, the beenning of the tree oft is world (hall god peue to bem that ben Dampned in hell: but the light and the cleres nelle ( ball be peuen in heuen to bis chylbjen reacht as the good man peueth biced to his chylozen/and bones to his boundes. India they (hall have none hope to cleape: and ther fore (peketh Job. At latt there ( hall horrour and grulp brebe bwellen withouten enbe. Horrour is alway brede of harme that is to come ano this biede (ball euer owell in the herres of hem that ben dampned and their fore have they loft al ber hope for bi causes. frilt for god that is her inge Chall be withe outen mercy to bem ne they maye nat please bunne none of his balowes ne may pave no thonge for their raunfome ne they baue no boyce to fpcke to hym ne they mape nat dre fro papie. Ind therfore laith Salomon the wicked man opethe and whan be is deed be I hall have none hope to escape from parme. who lo wolde well understädethele pappes o and bethynke bym well o be bathe beferued ipe papries for bis fpnnes certeile be f butbe baue more talence to logh a wepe than for to longe a for to play. for as lattu salomon/ who p had the Cepence to; to knowe the pape nes that ben established a orderned for fra! be wolde foglate ipnne. That fepence farthe Caynt Buffyn maketh a man to wepmenten in his bette. The fourth popule that a man ought to make cotricion for is floro wfull remembraunce of the good of he bath lette to Do bete in erthe Teke the good that be barb loine. Sothly the good werkes that be bath lefte epther they be the good werkes that be wought ete be fpll in to beebly fpnne o; els the good werkes that he wought whyle be lap in Deedly Lynne. Sorbly & good that be byd befogne that be fyll in Decoty Come ben all mostpfped | allonge" | and builed by the efte Compage. The other werkes that be wrought whyle be lage mignne been beter ly beed! as to the lpfe perburable in beuen. Than thylke good werkes that ben morty tred by effe (punpage whiche good werkes

# The Barfons tale.

be opp whyleste was incharrie mowenes uer aupeken apene without verye reftrepne and withbrampinge the Arynges of mannes colage/a the meuinges in his herte/in fuche manere as they ne i spope out by anger ne by pre. Ind therof lapthe god by the mouthe of Ciccopell : that if the cychefull man tes tourne agapne from bis rigut wplenelle and to wpiche wpckebnelle [ hall he tpuen: nap/ for all p good werkes that be bath wrought Chuit neuer be in comembiaunce for be [ ball bpe in bis fpnne . Ind bpon that chappere fapthelapm Gregory thus that wel bull bn berftabe pancipally/that whan we bo becbe lp (pnnet it is nought nepther for to brawe in to memory the good werkes that we have wrought before. for cettelle in the wers bonge of beebly (prime there is no trufte to good werke that we have bone beforne: that is to lape as to have therep the lyfe perous table in beuen. But fothly the good werkes that men boone whyles they been in Deedly frime for as mpkyll as they were boone in beedly (punt they may neuer quycken.

for certelle thinges that never bab ipfe map neuer gupchen. And nethelelle att be it that they anaple nat to have the lyle perburable! pet auaptenthep to a batoge of the papie of bell oz els to gette tempozall epchelle ozels that god well tather entument and legiten the bette of the (putult man to baue repen) taunce: And ele they anaple to a man to bo good werkes that the fende bathe the laffe power of his fowic. And thus the curtaple lorde Telli Croft well that no good werke be lofte for in Commbat it Chall anaple. But to 1 as moche than the good werkes that men Done whyles they been in good lyfe ben all mottifped by fpnne folowpng: and eke fpthe all the good werkes that men bone whyles they be in beedly franci ben bitterly beed as for to have pirte pardurable: well map that man poo good werke bother Conge p frellhe newe chage. Jay tout perdu mon temps et mondabour. for certelle it bereueth a man goodieile and nature and the the goodnette organes funforthe the greate of the boly good fereth as type p map nat be pole: for type fape isth anone as it lefeth his wetchpinge. Than

lefert the Confull man the goodnelle of glozp that oncly is beboten to good men that las bouren and werken. Well mape be be forpe than that oweth all his lyfe to god as longe as be lyueth / teke as longe as be (ball lyue) that no goodnede bath to pay with his dette to god to whome be oweth all bislete. for truite well helball peue countes (as lapthe faynte Bernarde) of all the goodnelle that have be peuen byin in this prefente lyfe, and howe be bath outpended them nat lo moche that there ( hali perplibe an heer of his beed! ne a moment of an bout that he ne (ball peue therof a rekenpinge. The fyfthe thyinge is! that ought to meue a man to cotticion is ter membraunce of the pallyon that oure lozde Thefu futtred for our lynnes. For as laythe faint Bernacoc whyles that I lyue I f ball haue remembrance of the tranaptes that our lorde Telu Crpftelufted in prechpinge bis werpneile in trauepipnge bis temptacions whan he fasted! his longe wakpinges whan be prayed bis teates whan be wept for pyte of good people the wo and the Chame athe fulth ip men lapoen to hum of the foule lppts tring of men lippeten un bis face of the buttete tes that men pate bym, of p foule mouthes! and of p foule repreues p men to him laiden of papies web the whiche be was napled to the croffe. Ind of all the remenaunt of bus pattion that he luttred to manes (pnne/and nothinge for his gitte. Ind pe Chall biocer flande that every maner ordre of ordynauce is turned by lo downe. for it is lothe p god and reason a sensualpte a the body of a man ben lo ozdepned peueriche of thele four thin ges ( bull have lozof byp over that other as thus: god (bulde have loso(hpp over reason) and reason over sensualite & sensualite over the body of man. But fothely in man femeth all this order of ordenauce/is tourned by () bowne. And therfore than for as mpapil as the realon of man well nat be lubget ne ober Caunt to gobithat is lozde by chapti therfore lefeth it the logoel hpp that it [bulbe baue m lenfualpiel a che oner the body of mani and why: for Centualpre rebelleth than apenthe realon, and by p way lefeth realon his lozo, Chyppe ouer Centualpte and ouer the body.

for epaht as reason is rebell to god: epaht (o is feminalue rebell to reason/and the boop alfo. And certelle this ordynaunce and this rebellyon our lozde Abelu Eryft abought bpon his body well Dece : and herkeneth in whiche wyle. for as mykell than as reafen is rebell to god /therfore is man worthy to baue forow and to be deed. This fuffred our lozde Jelu foz man after he was betraped of his ducpple and byttepned and bounde fo that the blode braft out at every naple of big bandes as lapthe lagnt Augustyn. Ind furs thermore for as mikell as reion of man well nat daunte lendualpte what it may therfore is man worthy to have fhame. Ind this fuffred our loade Jelu croft for man whan thep (potten in his bylage. And ferther ouer than for as moche as the captyfe body of man is rebell bothe to reason and to lensualite there fore it is worthy the oethe. Ind this luffred our loide Telu Croft for man bpon o croffe, where as there was no parte of his body fre without gret papie and bytter pallion: and all this lutted Jelu Crift that neuer forfep ted. To moche am I papied for the thinges that I neuer deferued and to mybyil Defous led for frend (hyppe that man is worthy to haue. Ino therioze map the fonfull man well lave as launt Bernarde lauthe: A curled be the botternelle: for certelle after opuers bil cordances of our wickednelle was the pals fron of Jelu Crpftel yozbepned in byuetle thynges as thus. Certeffe lynfull mannes foule betraved the dyuell by couetyfe of tem? potall prosperte & scomes by discept whan he chefeth destaly delytes and is tormented by impacience of aductive and before by fer uage in Cubicction of Conner and at laft be is Capne fpnally. for this discordaunce of fpn. full man was Jelu Criffielt betraped and after that was he boude that came for to bne bynde by offpnne tof the payne. Than was be bescourged that only shulde be honoured ? in al thynges/and of all thinges. Than was bis bplage be lpyt/ that ought to be delpied for to be (ene of all manky noe in whiche by lage augels belyzen to loke and therin was belapnfly belpit. Than was he fcoined that nothing had grite; and finally than was be

crucifye and Clapne. Than were complete (bed the wordes of flage that latth: De was wour sed fo; our mildedes and befouled fo: our plonges. Aowelpthe that Telu Crpft tot . on byinfelfe the papie of all our micked nelle mikell ought fenfull man to wepe and to be waile that to; his fpnnes goddes fonne of beuen (bulbe all this papie enduce. The. ri.thpinges that ought to meue a man to cotticion is the hope of this thinges that is to lap forgruenelle of lynne a the pefte of grace well to; to bo and p iop of beuen with the whiche god Chall querbon man fo; his good bedes. Ind for as moche as felu cryft yearth be the yeftes of his grace, and of his louerapne boute therfoje is he cleped galus Aagatenus Ret Judeojum. Jelus is forgo lay/lauyout of lauacion on whom men ( bhi hopen to have forpevenelle of ipnnes who the that is mopetly lauacion of ignnes. And therfore t the aungell to Joleph: thou Chalteclep. As name Jefus, that [ bail lauc his people of ber fpnnes. Ind bereof laythe Capit Deter there is none other name biber beuenithat is peuen to any man by whiche a man map be lauco but only Jelus. Basarce nus is as moche to laplas for don funge in whiche a man ( hall hope that he that youeth bim temiliyon of lynnes (ball also peuc birts grace well for to do: for in the floute is book of frute in tyme compng and in forveuenelle of (prine/bope of grace well to bo. I was as Doze of then bette lapb Telus and cleped to: to entre/be that openeth to me ( ball baue for peuenelle of lynnes! I wyll entre in to bym by my grace and loupe with them par & good werkes that he [ hall do whiche werkes ben the fode of god and be fuall found with me by the great top that Chall be genen to hom. Thus ! hall man hope that for his werkes of penaunce god hall yeur bem bis reigne as be behoteth bym in the golpell. Aowel ball man binderstande in what maner fball be his contriction: Tlage it ( ball be buqueriall and totall that is to lage a man f ball be bes the tepentaunce for all his formes that be bath boone in belyte of his thought for bes lyte is pervious : for there be two maners of conteatynges. That one of bem is cleped

confentpage of affection/whan a man is me. uch to bo frame apenft the lawe of god: all though bis reason consent nat to bo spine in bebe: pet lapne lome boctours and men/that fuche beipte that bwelleth longe is full peris tous all be it neuer fo lyte. Ind alfo a man [ buibe Cozowe namely | for all peuer be bath Delpzed apent the lawe of god with perfyte confentying to the Debe. Wherfore I lay that many men repent bem neuer of luch thoughs tes and belptes and neuer (brue bem of it) but onely of the debe of greate (panes outs warde. Wherfore I (ap) that fuche wycked belptes and wicked thoughtes been lubtyll begriars of benithat [ ball be trampned. Abore ouer/man ought to forow for his wic ked worden and for his wycked bedes. for certelle repentaunce of a lunquier lynne and nat tepentpage of all his other (punes: oz els repentinge byin of all his other Comies and nat of a (pugulet fpine map nat aucple: for certeffe god almpatty is all good and there fore he forpeueth all lor els traft nought. And therfore lapth lapnt Auftyn/ Twote cer tapnly/that god is enempe to euerp (piner. Ind howe than he that obsetueth one Cynne Chall be have torrevenelle of the cemenaunt of his other Contres nape: and fertherouer contricton Chulde be wonder fozowfull and angupffhous, and therfore peueth bpm god playnely his mercy. Ind therfore tohan mp foule was annup thous within me/ I had re membraunce of god that mp praper mpghe come to hym. furtherouer contricpon muft be contynuell and that men haue Gedfafte purpole to [ brine bem and for to amede bem of her lyfe, for fothely whyle contricion las fteth/ man mape haue hope of forpeueneffe: and of this cometh bate of fpn/ that diftope eth (pane/bothe in bym felfe and eke in other tolke at his power. for whiche Baupo laith pe that louen goo hate wickebnelle: for trus feety well to love god is for to love that be lo ueth/and bate that be bateth. The last thong that a man (ball binderftande in contricion es this wheref anapleth contriction. I Cape Somtome y contricten belyucteth a man tre inne Dewhiche Baupd (apth ) (ap quod Danyor I purpole fromly to Chine merand

thou loade baft releaced mp (pnne/and right lo as contricton anapleth nat without labbe purpole of I brifte and latvifaction: right lo cofellion ne latilfaction auaple nat without contricion. for moche contricion diftropeth the prison of bell and maketh weake and fer ble the arength of the dpuell and restoreth the pefte of the boly gooff and of all bertues! and interclenfeth the Coule of Conne and Des lyu, reth the foule fro the paper of hell and fre p company of the byuell and fro lecuage of fpnne and reflozeth to all goodes fpylitu all in to the company and comunpon of holy churche: & feether ouer it maketh him p was whylom fon of treto be the sonne of grace. And all thefe things be putteth to holp wait: and therfore he that well lette his entent to thele thinges he were full wple. for than he fould nat in al bis lyfe haue cozage to fynne: but than his body and all his herte he shulde configme to the lecuyce of Jelu Cryft. And therefore do hymhomage / for certelle oure (wete lozde Jelu Crift hath (pared be fo ber nyngip in our folges that if he ne had pytie on mannes foule a forp fonge myght we all 

# E Explicit prima pars penitens cie/et incipit lecuns da pars.

fellion/and that is ligne of contricts on. Aow [hall be buderfande what is confellion/ and whether it ought nedes to be of none; and whiche thynges ben couenable to beep cotellion. Airth [halt thou buderftande that confellion is beep [hewyng of lynne to the preek/this is to lay beep; for he must confelle hym of all the conditions that be long gynge to his [yme/as ferforthe as he cannel all muste be layber and nothynge excused ne hyd/ne for wrapped/and nat anaunte hym of his good werkes. And ferthermore/it is ner

cellarpe to binderli ander whence that fpmes iplingen, and howe they enceden. Ind there ben fpingpage of fpanes as lapthe lapate. Poule in this wple: that egght as by a much Lynne entred first into this mould a through that Come dyed: coght lo dethe entred in co all men that Cynneden. And this man was Moain by whom that frame entred in to this worlder whan he brake the comaundemente of god. And therfore the that tyske was fo arpater that he (hulde neuer have deved be came luche one that he muft nedes ope wher ther be wolde of no land all his progence that is in this worldefthat in pmaner ipane bepen. Loke that in the fate of Innocence/ whan Abam and Que were naked in Baras Dele and no Chause had of her nakedneile bowe that the ferpent that was mod wplp of all other beeftes that god had made fand to the woman. Comauded god to pou pe f buls de nat eate of cuery tre in paradyle. The wo man answerde, of the frute layde the of the trees in waradyle we feden be: but lothly of the frute of the tre p is in the mpole of Para dyle god forbad be for to eaten ne to touche it/left perauenture wel hall ope. The Sera pente fand to the woman: nay nap ye Chall nat dre of bethe: foxfothe god woter p what day preeaten therof your even (ball open and pe [ hall be as goddes | knowpinge good and harme. The woman lawe that the tree was good to fedpinge a fayte to the epeland Dylectable to the fruht: The toke of the frute of the tree and ete of it and pate of it to bet bulbande, and be ete. And anone the even of bem bothe opened: a whan they knewe that they were naked they lowed of a fpage tree leaves in maner of breches to hyden her mer bleg. Dere may ye lei that deedly lynne bath fpat lubietion of the fende: as I beweth here by the abber and afterwarde & Delpte of the Helthelag ( heweth here by Euc: and after by confenting of reason as the weth by Moam. for trute well though to were the fende tempted one / that is to lape (the fleline: and the felly had belyte in the beaute of the frute Defended: pet certelle tell that realon that is to lape Boam confented to the eating of the trute: be dode high in the flate of umocence.

Of the Mamitoke the that Conne of origins nati forot hom theilipely optended ben we all and engendero of tiple and courtipt mats train and whan the louie is put in our bobpt tpate anode is contracte originali fpme. and that was only papie of concupp (cence) whiche is afterwarde both paper and linne. Ind therfore be we at borne formes of wrath and of dampnacyon perdurable if ne were baptplime that we recepue whiche benymeth. be the culpe. But follothe the papies owell with bel as the temptacpont whiche papie byaht concupyfrence. Ind this concupys Icence whan it is wronafully disposed 0: 0:15 Depned in man lit maketh hom couepte couetyle of dellhe and dellbeir fonne by foatt of his epen asto erthely thonges. Ind che couetple of bygbneffe by pride of bette. A Bower as torto peke of the fyale cour tplet that is concupyicence; after the lame of out membres that were laufully made and bpegghtfull ingemente of goo. Tlan fo: 3 moche as aman isnat obeplaunte to god that is his loide: therfore is his herre to him Delobeplaunce through concuppleence. To is impolipble but he be tempted (ometonie) and noped in his fell be to fpnne. Ind this. thyuge map nat faple as longe as be loueth. It may well ware feble and fayle by bettue of baptyfine ! and by the grace of god ! tho toughe penptence. But fully Chail it neuer quenche that be nel ball fomtpine be meuch in bemicife: but if be were all refreench by spekenelle or by maloce of soccepe or colde brinkes. for what lapthe laput Doule: the flellhe coaepteth arend the ipputer and the laprite avent the deline they ben to contratpe and to arpuen that man mave nat do al ware as be wolde. The fame favnt Doule after his greate penaunce, in water and in lande by night thy day by great parell and in great papie in lande in great famen and they from colders ones fromed aimout to beth. pet (ato betalas Teapty fe man who that oc lpuct me tro the prilon of my cartete body. And faint Accome faid when be longe trute bad owelled in beferr where as he had no co+ pairy but beeft earwhere as be bad no meace!

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t the naked ectie: for tobsche his delibe mas placke as an ethiope for heater and pre Acopen for colve. per lapo be the brentipinge of lethery bayled in all his body. Wheefate I wett well i hetly that they be opicepued! that fay that siep be nat tempted in her lede Lp;mgrag. Br well map a chorle be faueb as the lande: Chi Came beth y the choile taketh the laste tabith. Whertage I seade do right lo by p cheric as thou woldell the loade debe with their! p were in his plyght. Enery fyns full man is chorte to fpnne: I reade p cettelle thou leade that thou retile the m luthe wele! thet the charles rather loue of than hate the. I wote well there is begre about begre as reason is and spil is p men be het Deuopje there as it is bewe. But certelle ertojcions and dappies of pour buderlynges is dampnable. Ind furthermoze bnbertande well/ that conquerours of tprauntes maken well ofte thealles of bem that ben borne of as top all bloder as they that bem conqueren. This name of thialdome was nevet bnowen celli tril that A or lard bis fonne Canaan Chulo be thiall to bes bietherne for bis lume. What fay we than of hem that ppll and bo errozer ons to boly chyache. Certelle the (werde that men peuen fielt to a knight whan be is newe bubbed (franifpert that be Chulde Defende boly chysche and nat robbe bem. and who lo bothe is a traptour to crpft as lapth laint Auftyn. Tho ben the bpuelles Wolues! that Arangelen the Chepe of Jelu Crift and bone worle than wolves. forloth whan the wolfe bath fuil his womber be Aynteth to Atangle thepe: but lothely the pollours and diftrop, ers of goodes of holy chysche do nat lo. for they flynte neuer to pyll. Aowe have I laid (Ipn lois) that Ipnne was first cause of thial dome and lubiection. But cettelle/ lpthe the tyme of grace came god ordepned that fome folke [buide be made more in the etate and byah deare and some folke more lowe: and that enerpete (buibe be ferued in his affate/ and his bearce. Ind therfore in Coine countreps there as they ben thialles than they have turned beni to the fapthi thep make ber thealtes fre out of thealoom. Ind therfore certelle the lozde oweth to bis mani that the

man oweth to plozoe. The pope depeth him lette lecusunt of plecuautes of god. But ros as moche as the face of boly churche my abt nat be kept in cefte ne in peace in erthe but if god bad orderned that Come men have byer Deare; and Come men lower. Therfore was fouctapente ordepned/to kept a mayntapne and befende ber biberlynges of her lubies cres in realer: as ferforthe as it tyrth in her power and nat to diffrop bem ne confoude, Wherfore Tape thelectordes ben wolnes that beunucen the postellyons / of the catell of other folke wrongfully without mercy of melure : They foull be retruct by the fame meluce p thep trane meluced to poore folke far the mercy of Thefu Ceptt but they it as menoc. Of Aowe Chull pe bidectande in what maner ipnne wereth and encrealeth in man. The fpitte thenge is that nozillbenge of Conne of whiche I Chake betoze that is concappicence: and after that cometh lubico Apon of the drutilithat is to lave the drucis les belowe with whiche he bloweth in man the free of cocupylodce. And after that a man bechpriketh hpm/whether be well do ozno/ that thenge i to whiche be istempted : Ind than if that a man withftade and we pue the tysh tylpage of his delibe and of the fende thame it is no Conne. Bud if Co bebe do nat/ than feleth be anones flame of belyte land than it is good to bewater and to kepe bpm well of the well fall mone into confens tonge of former end than woll be bo it if he may baue tyme and (pace. Ind of this mate ter laythe Morfes by the druell in this mar net: The fende (apthe) I worll chace and pur fewe the man by wpeked fubicityon I and T well hunte him by meuringe of steepinge of fonne: and I woll beparte nip paple of mp pray by belpberacion and my lufte ( hall be accomply theo moelete. I well drawe me fwerde in confentyng. for certelle right as a Coerde Departeth one m two peces rpght lo confentynge beparteth gob frome man. And than woll I flee him with my handelin bethe of spine. Thus lapthe the tende. for certelle than is a man all beed in Coule. And thus is (pine complitthed by temptacion by belpte and by confenting. And than francis

cleped a meruaple. for foth fpn is in two mar ners / epther it is benpall or beebly fynne. Sothely whan a man foueth any creature moze than Telu Chailt our creatour/then it is beedly (pnne. Ind bentall (pnne/if a man loue Telu chaift lelle than bem ought. fozforb the Debe of this beniall (prine is full perplous for it amenufeth the love that men (bulo have to god moze and mozeratherfoze pfa man char. ge moze hom felle ! with many fuche benpall finnes:certes but iffo be that be bifcharge of bem bp Chapftithep map well lightly amenule in bymiall the loue that be bath to Telu chill. And in this wple farppeth benial finne into beedip frane. for certes the more that a man chargeth bis Coule with bentall (pone o moze is be incipred to beedly fpine. Ind therfore let by nat be neglegent in Deschargenge be of benpallfpnne. forthe prouerbe farth mas ny (mail maketh a great:and harkenthisen, fample agreat wave of the fee cometh fom. tyme with fo areat a by olence/pe it brencheth the (hpppe. Ind the fame harme do formtyme the fmall baopes of water/that entre thrugh a tytell creups in the thurron and in the botom of the (bpp / if men be fo neglygence that they Discharge hem nat be tome . And therfoze all though there be Difference betwene thele two caufes of benchinge/pet algate the fbppe is Diepnt. Rpattlo fareth it Comtome of bredip (pnne and of anopous beniall (pnnes) whan they multiplie in man fo greatly that the world by thinges that be loueth through which be fpnneth bentally its as great in bis bertias the love of god or more. Ind therfore the love of euerp thonge that is nat befet ne bon papi cipally for goodes (ake | all though a man to, ueth laffe than god pet is it bentall fpine. And beedly (puncis) whan the love of any thinge wepeth in the bert of manias moche as the loue of god og moze. Deedly (pn/ as farth fapnt Auftyn is wban a man turneth bis bert from god, whiche y is berep louerayn boute. that may nat be chaunged 1 a peueth his bert to a thinge that map chaunge and figtte. Ind certes/that is every thinge faue god of beven. forfothlifthat a man prue bis loue whiche he oweth to god with all bigibert buto a creas ture : certes fo moche of love as he peueth to fuche a creature fo moch bereueth be fru gob.

Andth choze both be fon. for bethat is bete tout o gobine pelbeth nat all bis bette to gob that stofepfullthe love of his bert. Rom fith an an bnbecftanbeth generally/whiche is be niallfpnne. Than it is couenable to teffipe, ctally of (prince) which that many a man para uenture bemeth hem nat fpnnes ! afbaruerh bem nat of the same (prines. Ind pet netheles thep be fpnnes. Ind fotbiplas clerkes warten this is to lap in every tyme that a man etern a Dernketh moze than fuffifeth to fuftenauce of his body certapne be both fpfie. The whan be harkeneth nat the copleput of the poore men. Che whan be fpekerh more tha it nebeth it is fpne. Che whate is inbelib of boor a mil nat faft whan other men faft mubout cauferefor nable. The whan be flepeth moze than neberbl or whan be cometh by that encheson to lace to churche los to other werkes of charpte. Cha whan he bleth his wrfe withouten beipe los ueraine of engeozure to thonour of goo oxfor thentent to peloe his worfe the bette of bis bo Dpieke whan be well nat prict the frese io: of prisonere when he mapieke if he loue work or chribelog any other worldby thringe more tha refon requirerb/ ehe if be flacere o: blaundpie moze than bim ought for any necellite. Che if be amenule i or withdrawe the aimes of the pooreiese if he apparaple his mete mote before ctouffy than nebe 18/02 care it to haftefy by les cozoulnelleteke if he talke banites in the chur the orat goodes ferupce or that be be ata's et of pole morbes I offote or of belonge. forbe That peue acountes of it at the bar of bome. Che wan be behoterh oz affurerb to bo thine ges that he man nat perfourme the whan be leabtnelle of foly impliepthe or fcorneth bis . nergbbour. Che whan be bath any mresco Suspection of thing there be woote of it no forth fallnelle. Chelethingegand mo merbouten nambre befrines i as layth farnt Auftra. Aoweiball pe binberftanbetbat all be icio pt none erthip man may elebete all bentall from nes. premar be ceftapne brm i by ibe biene hrnge loue p' be barb to our lozbe Telu chaift. and by prapers and confession 4 other good werkes to that it hall but lytell greue, fer as lapiblaput Juften if a man love god in lus che maner / that all that cuer be both is in the lour of godio; for the lour god take bo me mp

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tell that a prope of water that falleth in a furmeps full of tyre annopeth or greueth to mykell anopeth a bentall (pune but a man/that is passing to in the love of Jelu Christ. Wen may also refreque bentall (pune/by the recepupage of p precious body of Jelu christ) by re ceputage the of holy water/by almes bebeibp general confession of confiteor at masse/a at preme a compleme. And by blessynge of byfsthoppes 3 of precites to by other good weeks.

# Tocipit beluperbia.

Ow it is behouely thrng to tellen whi che ben Decolp (pnsithat is to lapicape tpfe of spanes. Ill they tenne in to colis but in bruces maner. Aow be they cleped captifes for a 3 moche as thep be chefe | 3 (papingping of all other (princes. Of the rote of thefe. bit. fpns is paper the generall rote of all barmes for of this rote fpringen certapne brauches as 3rel Enupelacceop or flouthe auarice or couetple to comen baberftandping , Glotonp & Leches rp. Ind euerpche of thele finnes bath his brad ches and his twpgges as fhall be beclared in her chapiters folowpinge | 4 though fo bethat man knoweth nat beterly the nombre of the twygges softhe harmes pe comen of probe: pet wpil I (bewe a partre of bem / as pe fail baberflande. There is inobedpences angune thad procepipe of peteracrogance impaus bence freelipnge of bert Infolence Clacion! pertinacy bernglosp. and many other two gesibat I cannat beclate: Inobebpent is be that disobeneth for despite to the commaunde ment of god a to his fourtapns a to his goffe ip father. Auguntour is be that auauteth bim of the barme or of the bounte pt behath bone. Ipocetly is he phibeth to theme him luch as beis! And (beweth bim to the people to feme fuche as be is nat Belpptous is be p bath of Dayn of his neighbour | p is to lay of his ruen chailten/a bath belipte to bot bim ought to Do. Brogaut is be that thinketh p be hath pe boute in bim that be bath nat 1 02 weneth ibat be Chulb baue it by his befert og els that be be meth that be be p be is nat. Impaubent is be that to his pape hath no Chame for his (pfie. mellyng of bett its when a man retoyfeth

bim of barme that he bath bon. Infofent is be Pollpileth in his tugement all other folke as to f regarm of his balewes of his connpnge of his (perpongiand of his berong. Clate is he whá he map nepther luftre to have mailter ne tclowel Impaciet is be pe will nat be taught/ ne bnocenome of his bpces | 4 bp ftrife mare reth apent trouth wittpnglp/a befenbeth bis folp. Contumat is heithat through his india nacion is apent every auctorite or power of bem o ben bis louerapns. Dzelupcion is wha a man taketh an empale pthim ought nat to Do'oz els be map it nat bol Ind pt is called fur quitop. Treuerence is whan a man both nat honour there as hom ought to Do / a wapteth to be reverenced. Dertinarp is whan a man pefendeth his foly a trusteth to mykyll to his owne witte. Alepn glozp is foz to haue pompe a beirte in tempozalibighnelle i and glozifpe bim in worldly eftates. Jangeling is whan a må (pekerh to mpkril to foan folke a clappett) as amille /a takerb no kepe what he faith. Inb there is pet a papue (pree of paide pe mapteth ficit to be fale web or be fale we I all be he leffe worthy than of other is parauenture! Teke he mapteth to fpt og to go aboue him in the mep! or spile par or belemled tor go to offring bes fore his neighout in luch a proude delice to be magnified and honouted beforn the people. Aowe ben there two maners of pribe / pone of them is within the bett of a man Ind that other is without. De which forlaid thinges 14 mo than I have lato' appreprien to the pitoe plis within the bert of man. Ind there be allo other (pices of paider be withouten. But ne. theles one of thelespices of pride is signe of b other Right as the gap leffell of tauernes is figne of the won that is in the feller / 4 this is in many thinges as in (peche in countenance in outragiouinelle of atap of clothing Chailt wolde natio ione have noted alpoken of the clothing of that tyche man in the golpellibut if it bad be finne. for ag faith faint Bregozy! precious dothinge is culpable, for the berthe of it a for his araungene Telfor bis bifquplin ges/ to the superflupte i og fog f inozbinate Cantnelle. Is to the fraft franc that is in fup flupte of clothinge which & maketh it fo bere to harme of the people that only the coft of the enbjowdpnge / The bilgplynge enbentynge/

er barepng/oundphg/palpng and femblable wple ofclothing in banite. There is also coft lpe furryng in gownes / and allo mykyll pou lyng of chefell to make holes / so mykell Dags apng of theres with the superflupte in length of the foxfaid gownes trapping in the bungel a in the mpre on bors acke on fote as well of man ag of woman , that all petreplynge is be rely as in effect walty Diconfumed theibbare a roten with bunge rather than it is gruen to the poore to great domage of the forfaid pore folke | 4 that in londin wple this is to laph | \$ moze that cloth is walted of moze muft it coft for plearlenes. Ind furtherouer if thep wold peucluch pounlid and daggid clothes to the poore folke/it is nat courniet to meare for ber eftate ne lufficiet to ber necestite. On pt other (pbe for to fpcke of the dilordinate scantnes of clothing as ben thefe cutteb floppis oz banfe, Ipnes that through ber (bortnes couer nat the (bamefull mebzes of a man to wicke bentent. Alag fom of bem thewen in that a the boos of the hozpyble (wollyn mebzes pt femen lyke to the malady of Dyima in the wappyng of her holyn/zeke the buttokes of hem behynde pt faren as it were the hynderpt / as a the ape in the full of the mone. Ind more ouer in weet thed (welling membres that they (hewe in dif aylyna in departyna of her holyn whyte and reed femeth pt halfe the preup mebres weren flepn. And lo by that they depten her bolen in other colours as is what a blacke 1 02 what a blewe/oz blacke a reco and to forth. Than fe meth it as by barraunce of colour pe halfe the part of his picup membies ben corrupt by the free of (april Intony of by canker of by other fuch mischauces, pet of the hynder part of her buttokesit is well horryble for to fe: for cer. tes:inpiparty of her body there as they pur genher apnking ozdure that foule pty fheme thep proudly to & people in dyspite of honeite whiche honefte that Jefu chaift a bis frendes oblerued tolhewe in his life. Aow as to out ragious arape of woman | god wote though the bilage of hem feme full chall a bebonarz. pet note fpn thep in their arape of a tpie lpco. roulnes approe. I fap nat that honelle in clos thong of man & woman is bucouenable. But certes the lupilupte or biforbynate fcarrete of clothing is reprouable. Alfothe fun of orne, ment/of in aparellas in thinges pe apertepne

to tpoi al as in many belycat boxles that be holder tog belite/by cause they be to faple fat a cof lewe. And allo many a bicious knaue maintepned bycaule of bem a in curious bat nes as in fables (cropers peptrels | 4 bipbels couerd to precious cloth a riche barres aplas tes of golde a foluer. for which goo farth by sacarte the uphete I will confoune o repers on luch horfes. Thefe folke take treef regard of riding of goodes fon this harnets wha be tode bpon an affe / a bab none other barneis but the clothes of his poore Disciples. At we tede nat that he robe cuer on any other belt. T speke thus pofsuperflutte natio; the bonefe whan refon it requireth. Ind ferthezouer cer tes papers greatly norther in boldenge of great mepne whan they be of letel profpt and namely whan the meyne is felonous a Dama, geous to the people / by harbines of her load . (bpplo; by mey of office. for certes fuch la: Des Cellen her lozdelbros to the Deupil of beil whathep (ufterne the weckennes of her mer ne og els whá thele folke of low begre as thep that holden bolteletes fullenne theft be their holistersia that is in many maners of bileep tes fuch maner of tolke ben pe flieg pe tolowe the honp. Dz els the boudes pi folomen the car repul which forlaid fothe firagien (piritual in ber lood bpp. for which thus lanch Daupo! wickednes more come on the loadibups. Ind god grue that they make bacende boun into bell. for in ber bowles is iniquite affriembe nes a nat god of heuen. Ind certes if thou bo no mendementizight as goo pafbis bleffma to Laban because of Tarob ato Pharao fo: the feruice of Joseph right fo woll god peue bis maly fon to fuch lozdes pffull evor the mic kednes of ber leruautes. But the comme pare De of the table appereth eke full oft. for certes riche men be clepen to feeftes | 4 poore folke be putawepa rebuked. Ind there is erceffe of Divers meates a birnkes, and namely of cue ryous maner of bakemetes and of femblable wall fo that it is abufion for to thembe. Ind the in great precioulnes of peffell a currofire of minpfredep | bp the which a man is freed more to the Delites of Lururpe pffo be that be fet his hert the lelle bpon our lord Telu curift certepn it is alyn. Ind ceres the belgeateme tes i the Delpte might be la great in the cale p men might o lightiper fall by bem in to beep!

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bin, The fpices that furben of paper fothip is whan they (urben of malice pmagineb and aupled #forne caft/oz els of blage/ben beebtp fpnsitis no bout. And whan thep furben by freeke bnauiled (obelp/a lovenly withouswe agapn:all be thep greuous fyns | ] gelle a (up polether be nat beebly. Aow might men are wheref pi pape (urbeth & lpapngeth . Ind ] far that fomtome it frigeth of goodes of nas tute ! Comtyme of the goodes of fortune ! and somtyme of the goodes of grace. Certes the goodes of nature Ganden in the goodes of bo op of of Coule. Certes the goodes of the body ben bele of bobp areath belpuernes beautel gentepia frauchtles. The goodes of nature of the louie/ben good wet with tharpe binberfta brace, fubtyll engrae/bettu naturell / good memozy. Goodes offozeune ben cyches/biah bearees of loablbpps apaplpnges of the peo ple. Goodes of grace/belcteces/power tolufe fre (pirituell trauaple/benignites / bertuous contemplacion withflandping of temptacion a femblable thinges of which forfait good? certes it is a great foly a man to papen him i any of hem al. Aowiasfor to (peke of goodes of nature 1000 wot that forpme we have them in nature as moch to our bomage as to our profpt. Is for to [peke of hele of bodp/cectes it paffeth full lightlp. And eke it is full oft thene chefon of the likenes of the foule. for god wot the fleffhe is a full great enempe to the foule. Ind therfore the more that a body is hole the more be me in parell to fall. Che forto pappe him in his frength of boop itt is a great fole. for certes the flellbe coueteth arenft the fpts rpte. Ind euer the moze Gronger the fleffh isi the forper map the foule be. Ind ouer all this Arength of the body a worldly bardynesicau feth full oft many men to perplia mischauce. Chefo : to papoc bym of bis gentep it is full great foip. fozoft tyme the getry of the bobp bearnneth of the gentry of the louie. Ind eke me be all of one father a of one mother and all me ben of one nature rotpn & costupt both tpe che a pooze. forfoth a maner gentry/18 for to preple that aparepleth mans corage with bee tues or moralptees ! & maketh him a chriften chribe. for trulleth well/that what man that fyn bath cuer mattireb is bery choile to fyn. Row ben there thre generall thinges of gene epines as elchempinge of byces of tybaudep.

And ferusae of fpn in worde a weeke in coun tenaunce/and blong bettu: as cuttelpe/clene nelle / a to be ipberall / that is to lap large by meluce. for that that palleth meluce/is tolpe a (pn. Inother is that be remembre him of the bounte that be of other folke hath recepued. Another is to be benigne ouer his lubgette! wherfore as faith Seneke. There is nothing moze couenable to man of high effate than be bonspite / a thele fipes that men clepen bees when they make ber kyng , they chefen one jo bath non papche i wher with he map fignge. Another is a man to baue a noble hert a a by ipgent/tattern to bre bettuous thinges. Cer, tes allo, who that papaeth in the goodes of for tune be is full like a great fole. for fomtyme a man is a ful great man by the mozowe/that is a wzetche oz a captpfe oz it be night. Ind fi tpme beiptes of må ben caule of greuous man labis thorough which he breth. Certes the cii mendation of the people is Comtpme ful faile! a full brotpil for to trust this day they prepled to mozo we they blame (god wote. Che belyze to have comendacion of the people bath caus feb beth to many a man. A owe certes/a man to pape bim in the goodes of grace is the ani outragious folpe / for the peftes of grace that Thuld have turned him to goodnes a to mede cone/turneth to benim a to confulion as latth faint Gregory. Aowelpth that lo is that pe baue understande what is papoera whiche be the sprees of it. And how mens pape surveth and fpipngeth. Aow Chall pe baberffabe/whi che is the remedy against paper. Ind that is bumilite oz mekenes. That is a bertu/thunh which man bath bery knowlege of bi mielfer a boldeth of him Celfe no bepnte ne no pricalas in regarde of his befettes confiderynge euer bis frechte. Aow ben there the maners of bu mplitees as bumplyte in hert another in the mouth/a the thirde in werkes. the humilite in bert is in four maners | p is whan a man bol. beth him felfe as nought worth before god of beupn. Another is whá be despileth non other man. The thpade is/ p be tecketh nat though men holde him nought. The fourth is whan be is nat forp of his bumiltacion. Allo the hu milpacton of mouth is in four thinges In at temperatipeche and whan be knoweth with his owne mouth that be is suche as he then beth of be is in his bert. Another wha be preps

feth the bebonapite of another man/ a allo no thong therof amenufeth. Dumilite eke in wer kes is four maners. The first is whan he put men before him/the secone is to chefe of lowest place / the thore is gladly to assente to good coucepll/of fourth is gladly to stande in obedience of his sourcepn / or of him of is higher in degre. Lertes of is a great werke of humilite.

#### Chequitur De Inuibia.

fter prive will I speke of the foule spn of enup which pt is as by the worde of the philosopher lozo we of other mens profrt. And after the worde of laint Julipn it is los towe of other mens wele/ top of other mens harme. This foule fon is platly avent o holy gooft. All be it fo that every fpn is apenft the holy goft pet for as moch as bounte appertey neth to the holy goft properly. Ind enupe co. meth properly of malpce. Therfore it is properly apenft the bounte of the holy goft. Aom bath malpcet wo (ppces that is to fap hatop. neg of hert a wyckeonelle/ozels the fleffhe of man is fo blande p be confidereth nat that he is infon which is the bardines of the Deupli. That other force of enuy is whan a man war reth agenft trouth / whan pt he wote that it is trouth. Ind the whan that he warreth haras cethat god bath peue to his neighout! Ind all this is enup: certes than is enup the worlf (pn that is. for fothly all other fpns be Contrme apenft one fpeciali bertu. But certes enup is avenst all maner bettues 17 all goodnes. for it is forp of all bounte of his neighbourg. Ind in this maner it is divers from all (png. for boneth is there any fpn that it ne bath fom De lpte in him felfe faue only enup pe eucr bath in bim felfe anquiffhe a fozowe. The fprece of enupe ben thele. There is firft lozow of other mes goodnes a ofher prospetpte ought to be kynoly mater of top. The is enup a fpn apenft kynde the fecond force of enup is top of other mens harme . Dfthis feconde fpice cometh backebrtyng og betraction that hath two fpir ces agthus. Som men preple bet neighbout by wicked entent. for he maketh alway a wic ked knotte at the last enderalway be maketh a but that is lique of moze blame than worth is all the preving. The lecondiffice is p'a man be good/3 do and lay a thrng to good entent.

The t copter will turne aff the goodnes bo fo bo' a to his (hie web entent. The the proc is to a remule the bounte of his neighbour. The for thipice of bachptping is this tif menipite goodnes of a man the bachpter willfap per fap pet is luch a man bettet than he in offpep Ipng of him that men praple. The fifthe is to confent gladip/to barken the barme that men (peke of other folke this fpn is full great a ape encrefeth after f mickeb enter of the basbrter. After bachiting cometh grutchig or murmu. rance. Ind fotpme it fpipngeth of impaciente apenft god a fotime apenft ma. Ipenft god is wha a man grutcheth against f paper of hell orapent pouerte ! or lolle of carell | o: apent raph of tempelt of els grutcheth p' fuiemes baue prosperties or els that good men haue ad uerlite. Ind all thefe thinges (bulo men fuffre paciently. for they comen by the rightfull tue gement 4 ogbinaunce of gob. Somtome coe meth grutchping of Auarice as Zubas grute ched avent abaqbalene inhan the anounted the beed of our lorde Jelu chrift with ber precious opniment. This maner of marinure is fuch as when men grutchen of goodnes ofp! men hem felf bon i oz pe other feike bon ofbes owne catett. Somtonie cometh murmur of payde as whan simon the pharife arutched apend Magbalern I whan the approched to Telu chaift. Ind wept at his fete for ber frie. And fomepme te furbeth of entip / whan men biscourren a mans barme that bas pieup or bereth him on bandethinge that is fals mut mar is eke oft amonge (cruaintes luban ber fouerapns broben bem bo leful thinges. Inb for as moche as ther bare nat openir with(ap the commaundement of ber maifter, ver wei! they (ay harm a grutche and musmure preue ip for very beforte which wordes men clepe & beuple pater nofter/though fo be + beipt bab neuer pater nofter/but that folke peut luche a name : Comemme te cometh of vie or of preup bate that northern rancour in bert as after I shall bectere. Then cometheke betternes of bert through which betternes evere good be De of his neighbour lemeth to him better & bo lauozp. Then cometh discorde in bubpudeth all maner offreothpp. Then cometh frozning of his neighour all bo be never fo well then co meth acculying as wha men leten occasion to annope his nepghbour which that is lyke the

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coaft of the beupil that wanteth both maht & pap to accusen be all . Chen cometh maipg mpte thungh whiche a man nopeth bis nepab. bout prenely if be map. And if he nought map elaste bis wickeb well (ball nat want i as fo) to been bis boufe preuelplos empoplen himlos Ace bis beeftes/4 (emblable thing). Aow will I (peke of premety of this foule (pn of enup. The tratt is plour of god patnetpally and los upng of bim felfe 3 of his neighbour. for foth Ip prome may not be without that other. Ind chaile well in the name of the nevabbour that thou thait babertanbe the brother. forcere tes all me have one father flethin a one mos theripits to lay doam & Cue. Ind the one fa ther (pirituell p'is to lay god of beuen . Thy neighbour act thou holde for to loue and will bim all goodnes. Ind thectore faith god loue the neighbour as the felfe pt is to far to life a to foule / a faluació. Ind moze ouer thou (balt loue him in worde & benigne chece / a month fbrig a chaftpling in a boice to comfort bim! a play for him with all the bect. Ind in bede thou fait loue bim in (uche wplet o thou fait Do to him i charite as thou woldelt were bon to then owne plon. Ind therfore thou Chalt bo to hom no bomage in writed worde ne hare me in his body ne in his catell ne in his foule by entriping of wicket enfample. Thou fbatt nat befrie his wrfe ine pone of bis thrnges. Tinbertande eke p in the name of the neigh. bour is copzehended bis enemp. Certes a ma Chall loue his enemy / forthe comaundement of gab. Ind fothip the freme fhail thou loue in gob. I fap then enemp (ball thou loue for good fate by bis comaundemet. forit were refor a man fhuibe bate bis enempe. for foth god wpil nat eccepue bs to his love p ben his enemies apenti thre maner wronges that big enemp both to bim/be (bal bo the thinges/as thus : 3pent bate a vancour of bert / be (ball love bim in bett: apenft chybying and wicken mozdes/he (ball pap for bis enemp: 3penft \$ wpcked dede of his enempe | he chall bo hom boute. for Chailt (apth/loueth pour enemies # prayeth for hem & (peketh pou harme) a che for bem that you chalen a purfuen /a bo boute to bem that pou baten . Loithus comsumbeth be our loza Telu chailt to borto our enemies. Forfoth nature Depueth by to loue our frent bes. Ind perfey/our enemies have more nede

to love than our frendes. And they that moze nede have. Certes to bem shal we do goodnes accres in that dede have remembraice of the love of Jesu christ that dede have remembraice of the love of Jesu christ that dede for his enemyes. And for as moch as that love is the moze great the nous to perfourme so moch is moze great the merpte. And therfore the loupings of our enemy hath consounded the benim of the deups. For erght as the deuts is consisted by humin literight so is he wounded to the deth so the love of our enemye. Certes then is love mendicipie that chaseth out the benim of enuy from any hert.

#### CSequitur de Ira.

fter Enupe well I Declare of the fon of Ice. for loth be that bath enuy bpo his neighbour! Anon comenly will fynde him mater of wathe in worde or in bede avenit him to whom be bath enup for fotbly he that is proude or enupous its lightly wroth. This Ipn of Are lafter diferiulg offaint Auftynlis wicked write be avenged by worde or by De. De. Tre after the Philosopheristhe feruent blode of man / pautchend in his hert / thrugh whiche he wyll barme to bym that he bateth. For certes the hert of man by enchafying a me upng of his blode, wereth fo troubled ptheis out of all jugement of relong. But pe shull bn berftanbe/that Tre is intwo maners. One of bemis good and that other is wicked. The good Treis by telouipe of goodnes thrugh ? which a man is wroth w wickebnesa agarn wickednes / therfoze faith the wple manithat Tre is better than play/this pre is with Debo napite | Tit is wrath without betternes | nat whoth against the manibut whoth withe mile bebe of p man as latth p prophete. Iralcimis ni et nolite percare. Aow onderstande y wice hed pre is in two maners / y is to lap | lodeyn pre or balty pre without auglement a confen tpng of his realon. The mening a the cente of this is that refor of a man ne confenteth nat to that lobern yze and than is it beniall. Ino ther pre is that is ful wicked that cometh of fe long of hert aupled and call before with wice ked wpil to bo bengeaunce therto his refon

confentethia lothip this is deedly fon. This pre is lo displepiaunt to god that it troubleth bis boule a chaleth the boly goft out of mans Coule and put in him the lickenes of the beupl and benemeth the man fro god that is his rightfull lozde. This pre is a full great plefau ce to the Deupli I for it is the Deupls furneis pt be enchaunfeth with the fpze of bell. for certes as free is more mighty to delitop erthly thin, ges than another element. Bight lopze is mie abty to diffroye all spirituell thynges. Loke bowe that free of [mail glebys that be almost beed binder allben well quicken apen / whan they be touched with baymstone i right so yee will evermore quicken agapne whan it is tou thed with paper that is courted in mans bert. for certes pride map nat come out of nothing but if it were first in the same thinge naturelly as free is Deawen out of firntes with fele ris atto is pride a mater of preiright as tacour is notpher and kepar theref. There is a ma ner trelas laith laint flodoge. That whan me make fire of that tre | and couer the coles of it with allben, Sothly the fyze therof woll laft all a pereoz moze. Ind right fo fareth it by ra cour whan be is ones concepued in the bertes of fom men. Certes it will laft parauenture from one Efter Daytpil an other of more. 28 ut certes that man is full ferre from the mercy of god all that whyle. In this fox apde deupiles forneps they forgen thre threwis. Probe than bloweth and encrealeth the frie by chypringe and wycked wordes. Then flandeth enure & boldeth the pron boon the herres of men with a pape of longe tonges with longe rancour. And then front the fpn of cotpnuell ftryfe and cheelt and beteth and forgeth the billapns ter Dioupnace. Certesthis cutled frn anoverh both the man bem felfe a ele bis neighbour. for lothly aimoft all the harme that any man both to his nevablour cometh of wath. for certes outragious weath both all that euer o Deuplicommaundeth him. for bespareth nep ther for Chrift ne bis (wete mother in bis out ragious anger and pre but fpcketh & fklaums Dereth his neigbour this is a curled lpfe whi che ipfe (buld be Debonayz and (pirituell/that Thuld kepe his foule. Cettes this yee or wrath benemeth the goodes due lozofhpp a that is mans foule and the loue of his neighbours it Argueth alway ele avent trouth / it reucth

him the pere of his bert and luburteth his Coule. De pre comen thefe ftpnbpnge engen. brute . fpift hate that is olde wrath tenemed thru sh which a man forfabeth his owne frene De lat he hath loued (o longe / a then cometh warre and euery maner of wonge that a ma both to his neighbour in body or in catell. De this cutied in of pre cometheke manifaugh. ter. Ind boder ftanbeth well that manflaugh ter is in opuers wple. Som maner of manflaughter is spirituell/ant som bobily spiri. tuell manflaughter is in fpre thonges. fpift by hate as layth laynt John be that bateth his brother is an hompcede. Manflaughter is the by bacbytynge of whiche bachytours farth Salomon that they have two (werdest with whiche they flee ber neighours. for foth ip as bicked it is to be benpme bis good na. melashis lpfe. Domicpde is eke in peuena of bicked counceple by fraude offorto veue con ceple for to aceple mongfull cuftomes and ta . lagis / of which (peketh Salomon. I pon co tynge and bere hungry ben lykeneb to cruell lordes. In withholdpinge or abridavinge of the hyge or mages of poore folke. for whiche the wple manfaith. febe pe hom that almost opeth for bungre. for fothly i but of thou febe bpm thou fleeft hpm. Ind all thefe ben becolplpns. Bodelp manslaughter is whan thou deeft bem with the tonge. Inother maner is whan thou commaundelt to flee a maniorels peucht bym concepil to flee a man mand auch ter in bebe is infoure maners. That one is by lawe right as a Tuftyce Dampneth hum & is culpable to the beth but let the Juffree be? ware that he bo it rightfully and that he bo it nat for belete to spell blode but for beping of right wpienelle. Inother homice de is don for necellyte/as whan a man fleeth another bis befendaunt and that he ne map other worke at capefrobisowne beth. Butcertegn and be may escape without flaughter of his abuerla rpe and fleeth bpm/be both fpn. Ind be fhaff bere penauce as fo: beebly frn. Che rfa man by cale or aucture fhote an arobe or caft a fto ne w which he fleeth a mait is bomteibe. Che if a Soma by negligece ouer leetbber ebild in lleppingelit is bompcibe and beedly (pn. Che wha a man biltropeth concepcion of a chifoel or maketh a woma barepn by brynkes of be nymous berbes / through whych the map nat

concepue. Di fleeth ber chploe bp Dapinkesi oz els putteth cettepn materpall thong in ber fectete place to flee bet chilbe. Di cle both bns kende (en by whiche man or woman the beth be nature in place there as a chribe may nat be concepued. Di els if a woman haue concep men & burt ber felfe and fleeth ber chploe | yet is te bonnicpbe: what lap we che of women pt murben ber childrenfor brebe of worldip fba me. Certestt is che an bozepble bomicpbe. Etelfa man approche to a woman by belite of lechery thrugh which the child is pertilized els (miteth a woman wetpngip by which ber chploc is flapn. All thele ben bompepbes and beedly boscpble fpns. pet compu of pse many mo (pns/as in worde) in thought in Debe/as well as be that aretteth bpon god/o; blasphe, meth god of which he is him lelfe gylty log dil ppleth god all bis balowes/as bon thele cur (pd hafactours in divers countreis. This cutled fon bother whan thep felen in berbett full wickedly of god this halowes. Illo wha thep treten bimouthelp the factament of the auter. Thilke fpu is fo great b buncth mapit be released but of the mercy of god paffeth bis werk which merchis grete abenigne. There cometh allo of pre a terp anger whá a man is Thatply amone Theo in big (brift to forlete big fpn. Then will be be angep & al wete hokerly angerip to defend or exculen bis lpn/bp bus ficofaltnes of his fellbe oz els be byb it foz to holde copany with his felowes or els be lamb the fendeentifed him ozelahe opdit fozbis pourblot els his completion is fo cotagious! that he map nat fozbere els it is beltine as be farth buto a certarue age ozels be farth it co meth him of genty lines of his auncetries and Cemblable thinges. All thele maner of folke fo wapppn bem in ber fpns | that they well nat Delvaerbemfelfe. forfothly no wyght that creuleth bim wilfully of bis (pn/map be beipe uerd of his (putpli be mekely beknoweth bis Ipn. After then cometh (wetpnge /) is erpres speult the commandement of god / a this ber falleth of angre & of pre : god (apth thou (batt nat take the name of thy loade in ybell . allo our leade Jelu chaift fapthe i by the moade of Tapne Machewine will peto were in all mai met mepther by beuen for it is gobbes trone nerther by erth/for it is the benche of his fetel Betulalem / for it is the cupe of a great

apagine by then beed for thou ne matt mate an beer what he blacke/but pour othe Chall be perpenapinap. And what that is more cupill thus lapth Chaift. for chaiftes lake (wetere natio synfully in dismembering of Chailt by foule/bert/bones/and bodp. foz pethpirke p the curled Jewes bilmebred him nat prough but pe bilmembrehim more. And iffo be that lame compell pouto (were then cule you alv ter the lawe of god in pour (werpng. Asfaith lapnt Jecome plourch chappter. Thou halt kepe thre condicpons. Thou fhalt (were th trouth in dome ain right wilnes. This is to Capithou (bak (were loth for every leafping is apenft Chaiftifor Chaift is bery trouth. 3mb thynke well this that every accas (werer, nat compelled laufully to (were the plage of ben. geaunce shall nat part from his house whyle be bleth luch bulaufull (werping. Thou Chait eke (were in dome / when thou art compelled by the domes man to we the trouth. Chi thou (halt nat (were for enupe / for fauour / for medelbut for righwylenes | for declarynge of trouth to the worthyp of god a to bely vinge of then even chailten / a therfore every man than taketh goodes name in pole /02 fallip (wereth with his mouth for els taketh on him & name of Chailt to be called a chailten man land lye ueth apenit chaiten lpuping and his techpinger siltheptake goddes name in pole. Loke che whatlapthlaint Beter/actuum quarto there is none other name bader beuen peuen to må in which they mot be laupo. That is to lap! but in the name of Jefu chaift. Cake kepe eke how poperious name of I clu chaift as lapth laint Boule at philipenles. In nomine Jelu. Ac. That in the name of Jeful cuery kne of be uely creature of erthiplos of bell with bomen for it is to bigh a to worthipfull that the cure ipo fende in bell fhalbe tremble for to bere it named. Then femeth it that menthat [were lo boscobly bis bleffed name that they before le it more boldip than byb the curled Temes that tremleben I whan they harbe his name. Aowecettes leth that lucreng but it be bo all laufulipies to boly befended moche worle is forto fwere failly and the neocles: What lape we eke of them that belyten them in live tynge and holde it a gentry of manip bede to fwere greate other: and what of hem that of bery blage necelle nat to imere greate

other and all the cause nat worthe a frame. Certes this is hozepble fpn. Swerpnge alfo without auflement is ekelpn. But let bego nome to preutled a hourible imerena of abiu racion a couracion as Don thele fals enchaus tours anparomácers in balpns ful of water, oz in a bziaht ( werbeiin a cercleioz in a fpzeloz in a fulder bone of a thepe. I can nat fapibut they bo curfebly a Dapnably avent Chuft / & all the fepth of holy church/what (ap pe by the that beleven in bpm naplis/as by flight or bp nople of byzdes a of beffes of by lost by Ay gromancy by dremes by chriching of bores by anawyng of rottes of crackyng of boules a luche maner of weetchy ones | certes all this thing is befeded of god/a eke holp church/ for which they be curled tyll they com to amende ment/pon luchfilth let their beleue. Charmes for woundes a maladies of men or of beftes! pfthey take any effect/it may be perauenture p' god luffreth it/foz men fbuld grue the moze fepth & reuerence to bisname. Aome wpll 7 (peke of leaspnges which generally is fals (i. anificacion of wordes to entet to bifcepue his euen chaiften. Som lefpng there is of which cometh none auautage to no wight. Ind fom lelying turneth to the cale a profpt of a man a to bomage of another man. Inother lesipna for to laue his lpfe or catell. Inother lealpinge cometh of belite. They will forge a longe tale a pepnt it with all circustaunces wherof all \$ groude is fals. Som lealpinge comethifo: be willfuftepne bis worde. Ind fom leafpng co. meth of recheleines withouten aufemet and Cemblable thinges. Let be now touch the bp ce of flatery which cometh nat glably but foz Diebe of forcouetyle. flatery is generally mongfull prepfing : flatererg ben the beupls nozpecs/pinoziffbetbbis chiloze with o milke of lolengerp. foglothlatth Salomonipflas terp is worle than betraction. for forme ber traction maketh an bauten man be the more buble for be Debeth betraction. But certern flatery maketh a man to enhaunce his bert a his countenaunce. flaterers ben the deupls enchautours for they maken a man to wenen bimfelf be lpke f be ig nat lpke. They be lpke Judas that betrated god. and thele flaterers betrap a man to fell him to his enemp | fis the Deupli. flaterers benthe ocupis chapelernes pilpngen cuer Placebo. Treben flaterp in bp

ces of pre. temetifa må be woth with another ! . a well be flatere fom weatht to fultepne ,im in his quatell. Speke we nowe offuch uniprace as cometh out of prous here tes. Walifon map be fait generally every ma nerr wer of harme fuch curfyng bereueth a man the regne of god . Is farth faint Doule. And offluch curlpnge wongfully returneth apen to him p'curleth : as a bpide returneth agapn to his owneneft. Ind ouer all thenge! men ought telcheme to curle ber children 4 to peue to the beuyll her engendeure i as ferfoth as in hemis. Certes it is a great perpil and a great fpn. Let bethen fpeke of chibpng ite. preupng which ben great woundes in mans bert. for certes buneth map a man be playing ly accorded with bymib be bath openly truy! led reproued a bisclaudred this is a ful gref. lpfpn: as Christ faith in the gospell. Ind take pekepenow that hept reproueth his nevalbout by Combarme lo: by Compent of he bath in his body as mefell croked barlot ofto fo ligne that be both . Aow if be repreueth bim by barme of pepnel then returneth the replete to Teluchift. for pepne is lent by the riable wolk londe of god t by his luftrauce beit me felry og mapme og maladpe. Ind if be repreue bem bucharptable of fen I thou holour thou beontelewe harlot | 4 fo forthichen appetter neth it to recoglying e of the beupill of euce bath top that men bonfpn. Ind certes chodrige map nat come but of prienous bert. for after babundauce of the bert fpeketh the mouth ful oft. Indpelbull binderftande whan anp man chattyleth another f be bemare fro chobynae ortepreupna. fortremely but be bemare be may full lightly quicken the free of angre 4 of weath whiche that he fhall nat quen che. 3nd perauenture fleeth bim p' be migbe chaftile th benignite. fo: as lapth Salomon. The amp able tonge is of tre of lpfe that is to fap of lpfe (pirituell. Ind a billaue tonque fleeth the (pi. rites of him that is reproued. Lo what farth Caint Buftin. There is notheng like f Deupis chyloe as be y ofte chiberh: fant Boule faith eke. Afecuaunt of god behoue nat to chipbe. 3nd howe that chyorng is a billerns thrng! betwere all maner folke, pet is it cettes molt pncouenable betwere a man and his mefe. for there is never reft. Ind therfore lapth Salomon . In boule that is bucouered

in tapne and dropping and a chipping write be iphela man that is in a baoppring boule in many places though be ciche we o propping i one place tt broppeth on bim i another place. n fareth it by a chibenge wife but the chibe bim in one place the will chibe bim in another place. And therroze better is a mozcell breed to toperthan an boule full of belptes to chybring. Lo what Salomon and faint Doule fapn. O pe momen be pe subattes to your bulbandes as behoueth in god. Ind pe men loue po' wp. ues. After warbe fpeke we of fcompng which is a wicked (pnia namely whan be (cornet) a man by his good werkes. for cettes (uch (cor ners faren lyke the foule tode that may nat en Dure to (mell p ( wete fauour of the byne whan st floziffbeth. Thele (comers ben partyng fes lowes with the deuplifor they baue top whan the bewill wouncth and for whan be lefeth. Therben abuerlacies to Jelu chall for ther baten that be lougth that is to lap lauacion of foule. Speke me now of the wicked coucepil. For he that wicked councepll peueth is a trea tour | for be discepueth him p toufteth in bimt but netheles yet is wicked coucepf first apenst him felfe. for as farth the wofe man: euerp fals lyueng bath his propte in bim felfe. for he that will also e another man anopeth fielt bem felfe. Ino men fhall bnberttanbeithata man (ball nat take his councepil of falle folke ne of anary folke or arevous folke ine of folke that louen (peciativ her owne profpt ne to mo the worldly folke a namely in councepling of foles. Aowe cometh the fpn of hem that mar ben biscozbe among folke which is a spn that Chill bateth beterly and no woder is for he bpeb for to make concorde. And more (hame bon thep to Chailt than opb thep y bim ceucy fred. for god loueth better that frendlbpp be among folde than he by b his owne body whi che he paf for butte. Therfore be thep likened to the beupil pt euer is about to make Discord Ao we cometh the (pn of bouble tonge for (u) che as speke fapze beforne men a wickebly be bpnice oz els they make femblaut lasthough thep (peken of good entecion og els in game & play ather freken of wicken intent. Aow co meth o wreging of conceed through which ma is defamed bunethes may be reflore o boma ge. Ao to cometh Manace to is an open foir. Top be popenly manaceth he threteneth more

then be may ouercome ful cft tyme . Aow co. men pole wordes pt be without profpt of bim that fpeketh the wordes a cke of bem that ber keneth the wordes or els pole wordes bentho that ben nebeles of without entente of natus rell profpt. And all be it that pole wordes bu fotyme beniall (pu: pet fball men doubt bem. for we (bal peue tekening of hem before god. Aow cometh Jangelpng, that may nat come without (pn/aslauth Salomon: it is a lique of apert folp. Ind therfore a Philosopher laid whan a man acco him how men thuloe pleafe a be answered/bo many good werkes a spake feme Jangelpnges. After this cometh the fpn of tapers that ben the deuple apes. for thep make folke to laughe at her taperp / asfolkes bon at gaunes of an ape | fuche tapes befend bethlaint Doule. Loke howe that bertuous mozbes a holy comforten hem that traueplen in the feruice of chaift. Right fo comforten the byleing wordes a the knackes of lapers bemi that traueplen in the feruice of the beupil. 311 thele ben the lynnes of the tonge that compile of Ireiand of other lyns. The remedy apenft Tre is a bertu that cleped is manfuetube than is bebokepite a ele another bertue that men clepen pacience. Saput Jerome lapth thus of bebonapate that it both barme to no wight ne farth none harme that men bim bone farin ne chaungeth nat apenft refon. This bertue cometh Comtyme of nature. Foz as Capth the Whilosopheria man is a quicke thrnge by na ture bebonapre and tretable by goodnes. But whan bebonapate is enformed of grace it is p more worthy. Pacience is another remedpe apenft Treis is a bertue that men luftre (wer telp enery mans goodnesia is nat wrothe for none barme p'is bone to bim. The Philoso, pher latth that pactèce is that bertu that lufe freth Debonaraly all the outrage of aduetlite a every wicked worde. This bettu maketh a man like to god/a maketh bim bis owne bete childe as larth Christithis bettue discomfor teththen enemp. And therfore farth the wefe manifithou wpit bepnquilibe then enempile that thou be pacient. Suffraunce is another bertu apenft Tre. Indp' is whan beluffreth fwetely all anopaunce, and the manges that men de aman outwarde. Thou thak birbers flante I that a man fuffreth four maner of gre usuncer in outwarde thinges. Apenft which

foure be muft baue foure maner of pacience. The fraft greuauce is wicked wordes : p gre uanceluften Teluchnit without grutcheng wel paciently whan p Jewes befpiled bim/s reproued him ful oft. Suffre thou ther fore pa ciently for b wife man fatth if thou ftriue to a fole if the fole be wroth or though he laughe algatethou fhalt haue notel. That other gre uance outwarmisto haue bomage of the car tell. There avenit (uffred chaft full pacietly) mban be dispotled was of all y cuer he had in this life and p nas but clothes. The third are uaucei is to a man to bauc greuauce in bie bo by: f luftred chall full pacietly in all his pallt on. The fourth greuauce is in outragious la bour in werkes. Wherfore Tlap / p folke that maken her fervautes to travaile to arevoully out of trme as in holp bapes / fotbly thep bo areat (pn here arent luffred chait ful paciet) ly a taught be pacièce ! whan he bare bpo big bleffib (bolbers o croffe bon which be fould fuffre bilpptous beth. Dere may men leme to be pacient! forcettes nat only chillen men be pacient for ploue of Jeluchailt a for quet pon of the bloffe of heuen / a of the bleffpo tpfe that is perburable: But certes the olde Dap. nyms that neuer were chaftened I comended A bled the bertue of pacience. I Philosopher ppon a tyme that wolde haue betenbis Dif. ciple for his great trefpasifor which be was greatly amouph a brought a pero to fourge the childe, and whan the chribe fame o peror he (aid to his mailter: what well pe dor I wil beate the quod the mailer for the correction. forfoth quod & childe/pe ought firtt correcte pour felfe that bath loft pour pacience for the apit of a chylbe. folloth lapb the maifter all weppngeithou lepft lothihaue thou the perde mp berefon acorrect me for mpn bnpactence. Df pacience cometh obedience through wbi. the a man is obedient to chaft a to all bemi to whiche be ought to be obediet in Chift. Ind bnberftande well that obedience is perfight! wha men bo gladly a ballely with good bett entierly all o belbulo Do. Dbebicce generally isto perfourme y Doctrine of gob / and to bis fourtapns ito whiche him ought tobe oberle launt in all righwpineffe.

Chequitur De Beribia.

princof Wath T well fpeke of ,cipnne of acciope or flourbe. for enupe b' abeth b bert of man 17 Tre troubleth a man and acceop maketh bim beup thought full/a mame. Enup & Tre maken britterneffe in beat which betternelle is moder of Accepp a benymeth him ploue of all goodnelle then is accepy pangre of a trobled bert. Inb farnt Auftpnfapthitisanope of goodnes tannop of batine. Cettes this is a dapnable (pn / fez it both wrong to Telu chill in as moch as it benimerh Pleruice y menought to boto Telu chuit withall beligere. Is fanth Salomoni but accedy both none luch befrgence. De both all wanope a wiawnes lachenes erculació bulnes a buluft. for which o boke faith a cue (po be be p' both the feruice of gob negligeile then is accepp enemer to euery effate of man. forthe effate of man is inthre maners. Cys ther it is effate of Innocence as masthe ft ace of Boam | before or that he fell into fpnne in whiche effate he was bolo to worchers in be tpnge a abourpng of gob. Inother effate is eftate of luperflupte in whiche eftate men be holden to labour in prapeng to goo fer amene Dement of ber fpnnes. Inother effate te inche eftate of graceiin which eftate is be bolden to Do werkes of penpicce. Ind certis to all their thinges is accedy enemye a contrary for be la ueth no bulinelle at all. A ome certes this fou lefpnne of acceppe is the a full great enemy to the lpurlot of the body / for it bath no pur uepaunce avenft tempozell neceffree, fortt 15 fourbed a forflugged a Diffroreth all anobt tepozall by recheleineffe. the fourth thrage is that accept is lake bem iben in voven othell by caufe of flouth & of ber beuines. Dorther b be dapned be lo bondy pt neptber map ther dowell ne thike well. Of Beceby cometh firft a' a man is anoped tencobred to bo any goodnes a maketh pt god bath abbominacion of fuche accopi as laith laint John . Aow commeth flouth p' wil fuffre no barbnes ne no penauce forfoth flouthe is fo befreate a fo tenbre : as faith Salomon f be milluffre non barones ne penauce / a therfore besbenoeth all that be both. Apenft this rote bozed fon of accede 1 02 fouth fbulo meerereife bem to bo good mer heg a manipla bectwoully catchen cozage mel to bo. Thinkping our lood of Jelu chain gerth

# The Barfonstale.

every good bebe bett never fo lytell / blage of it is a great thenge. for it makethias faith Capput Bernarde | the laborer to beue lironge semes and barde (pne wes | and flouthe mas beth bem feble and tendre. Than cometh bree be for to begyme to werke any good werkes. for cettes be that is incloned to fonne bym thinketh it is to great an empaple for to but bettabe to bo werkes of goodneffe las fapth Capit Gregozp. Aowe cometh wanhope that to be paper of the metere of god that cometh Contime of to mpkell outragious (020 me/and fomtyme of mpkell bacbe pmagpninge i that be hath Do fo moche that it wolde not auaple bein though he wolde repent bem 4 bo good ! through whiche bilpapre or brebeibe abouns beth bis bert to euerp maner (pnne. Aslapth fagnt Buftyn/whiche that is bampnable/tfit continue to bis ende itt is cleped (punpuge in the Dolp aboft. This borrpble fpme is fo pe rplous that be that is bifpepzed that there is no felonge ne no fpnne that he boubteth for to Do asthewed well by Judas. Certes thenne abouen all is this frme most bupleafaunti & molt aduerlary to Chill. Certes be that Dil pergeth is like the cowarde Champpon tecte aunt and nebeleffe bilpepzeth. foz certes/the mercy of god is ever redy to the penttent/it is about all his werkes. Has can nat a man bee thenke him on the golpell of farmt Luke. Lus ce.rb. Where as Chill farth that as well fal there be more tope in beuen boon a linfull ma that both penttence than boon nguty and.ir. rightfull menthat nebenno penptence / loke ferther in the gofpell the top and the feftes of the good man that had loft his (on whan his fone with repentaunce was returned to bis father. Can thep nat temembre che las fapth fapnt Luke. rritt. Dowe pf the thefe that was bangeb belpbe Telu lapb lozbe remembre on me whá thou comeft to the regne:fogloth laid Chailt this day Chalt thoube with me in Was radple. Certes there is none lo bourpble (pfie of man/that it ne map in his lyfebe beftroyed by penytence I through bertue of the pallion of Christ. Alas what neverth man then to be bilperged / lithen bis mercy is lo ceby alke & house. Then cometh Compnolence pis fluggy dumbapagei whiche mabeth a man to be beur and buil in body and foule. Int this fpme

cometh of flouth. Ind certes the tyme as by mer of refor men buide nat depethat is by \$ mozowe but if it were cante refonable. for foth in the mozowe is most couenable a min to (ap his prapers/andfor to there on gotia to bonout gob | & to peut almes to the poote! that frite comen in the name of Chille. Lo what salomon (apth/ who fo well by the mo rowe awake to feke me / he fhall fynde me. Then cometh neglyafte oz techelefnelle that recketh of no thenge. Ind howe that ignor raunce is moder of all harme. Certes negles gence is the nozice | neglpgence both no fozce whan be (hall do a thonge / whether he bo it well or badly. Of the temedy of thefetwo frn nes/as faith the wyle man I that be that Date beth god (pareth nat to bo that him ought to bo. Ind be that loveth god/wyll bo beligence to pleafe god by bis werkes and habounden bim felfe withall bis mpabt well for to bo. Then cometh phelnelle, that is the pate of all harmes an pole man is lpke to a place phath no walles the beupli may entre on every (pbe This polenelle is the thurtok of all bylepns and worked thoughtes to fall tangles I try fpisiand all ordure. Certes beuen is peuen to bem that well labour and nat to pole men. Che Baupo (apth / that they be nat in the la. bout of ment ne thep (ball nat be whppped w) men/that is to lay in purgatory. Certes then femeth it they (ball be turmented with the be, upil in bell but if they bo pentience: then co. meth the Conne that men elepen tarbitas las whan a man is fo letted and fo tarped / oz he well turne to god and certes that is areat fo lpe/be is like him that falleth in the diche and wylinat arple. Ind this bree cometh of fals bopeithat be thinketh that be fall pue longe! but that hope farleth full ofte. Chen cometh laches/that is he that whan be beginneth any good werke anon be well forlete it and fruit as Do thep that have any topght to governe and take of hom ne kepe. Anon as they fonde any contrarpe og any anope. Thele ben the new thepherdes that leten ber thepe myttrug ip go cenne to the wolfe that is in the breres and bo no force of her owne governaunce. Of this cometh powerte and biltruction bothe of Spirttuall and tempozall thonges. Than co. meth a maner of colonelle that frefeth all the

bert ofman. Chan comech bnoeuecton thos rough whiche a man is le blonte (aslapthe (aint Brenarde) & back fuche langous in bis Coule that be ne mape cobe ne (page in both chpscheine becene thinke of benotionine tra maple with his haves in no good werke but it is to from bulanoppe/and all availab: then meketh be (ote ( lugge de and fambie ione fone well be woother and fone is encloned to bate and to entry and that cometh the Crime of worldelp logower that is eleped trifficial that ( lethe a man as fapte lapre Daule. fo) certelle luche lopowe werkern to the bethe of the foule, and of the body als: for therefore meth that a man is anoped of bis owns lefe for fuche forome Chorteth the left of many a mignio, that bestpute come by way of sinde. Ayend this hosephie (prine of Accione) and the braunches of the fame there is a vertue thates called fortimbo of firength that is affection/through whiche man dispeleth all other thenges nopous. This bertue isto mpghtp and to bpg orous/that it bare with Ramoe meghtilp/a wastle apetift the lawtes of the opuell and wpfelp kepe hpm felfe fto parelles that ben weeked for it endaunfeth and entoxiesh the louter regist as Accide a batery it and maketh it leble. for this fortis tudo may endure with longe fuffraunce! the transples that benconenable. This bertue bach many (prees) the fyzit is cleved magna nympter that is to lap | great cozage: for cers telle there behoueth great cotage apenit ace cippe lefte that it (walowe the foule by the francoffozowers buttop it with wanhope. This maketh folke to bodertake harde and greuous thonges by her owne well wolcip and refonably. Ind for as moche as popuell franteth avenft man moze by queputple and by fleyabe than by arenath therfore a man fhall withflande him by work by realon and by Difcrefrion. Than been these the bettues of fepthe and hope in god and in his faintes to achouen and complite the good werked in whiche be purpoleth fermip to contenue. Than cometh (uretpe and (phernelle/ a that is toban a man bothe and perfourmeth gret merken of goodnelle ithat be bath begonne. And that is p ende why ment butte bo good

methes! ... the compliffiping of good were best let a the great guerdon! Then is the confir ice! that is habienede of corage! and this builde be in herse! by firefall firth and in outher and in bearingerin chere and in bede. The there ben mo special thinges and semedies apend accore in operal thinges and semedies apend accore in operal of the Hand of the tops of herein and in trust of the grace of the holy good that well year by magent to perform his entent.

Chequitur de Aua-

fter Accors / nome well I fpehe of Masepte and of countrie of whiche frine lapth laint Boule the tote of all Grone se couetyle: to; lothely whan thebette of a man is confounded in it felte and troubled! and that the foule bath tolle the comforte of god: than lebeth be an pole loias of mozioly topnges. Auarice/after Ducripepon of farmi Author / 18 a lycozoulnede in berte to hause erthelp thinges. Some other folke lap that quarice is for to purchase many earlie thene ges and nothringe peut to bem y baue nebe. And biderstande well that marice is nat oucly in good and in catell but fomeying in Grence and in glozpe! and in every our rage! ous thinges is austice and courtriesand the dyfference byt were austice and countrie is this. Couetple is to; to couepte luche thyns ges as thou baft nat. And austrace is to with holde and to kepe fuch thinges as thon had! without tyabefull nebe. Sotbeir this aud. tyce is a synne full dampnable in all bois writte curtesh it and weketh ayend it for it Dothe wronge to Tein Crpft for it bereiteth tro bym the lour that men to bym o wen and turneth it back warde apenit all reason, and maketh that the susticious man, bath more hope in his eacell than in Jelu Crpft. Ind therfore larth farm Doule that an auarous man bath more hope in his thisloom of your lacepe than en goo. What opterence is by twyr an poolatter and an anacicious man:

Bermeture an pholatte bath but one maumet or the and the auaricious man bathe many: for certelle euerp Astayne in bis cos fre is big mammet. Ind certelle the fynne of mammeterigod forbedeth in the ten comaun Dementes as beareth wythelle. Cro.tr.ca. Thou I hales baue no falle goddes beforns meine thou Chalce make one graved thong: but an auaricious man loueth moje his trea four forged. And through this fynne of auar rice and of couctple cometh thele harde lorde Chyppes thorough whiche men be ftrepned by talages cuftomes a carrages more than ber butte of realon is. Di els take thep of ber bonomen amercemetes whiche mp ght moze refonably be called errollions than amerces mentes of whiche amercementes and rauns Tongages of bonde men. Some lozdes fter marbes (apne that it is toghtfull for as mp, brit as a chorle bath no temporali thing that it ne is bis loides as they lapine: but certelle thefe loadel by ppes done wronge that beres uen her bonde folke thynges that they never pafe hem. Juguftinus De Ciuitate Dei libzo ir. Dapthe that fothe is that the condycion of thealpom and the freft caute of thealpom 15 fo: finne. Genelis. b. Thus map pe le that the apite Deferueth thialbom/ a nat nature. Toberfoze thefe lozdes I bulbe nat glozy bem in her lorde hyppes lythe that by naturall condpcion they be nat loades of bet thalles! but that the albom came fythe by Conne. 3no ferdeemoze there as the lawe faythe p tems pozall lozdes of bonde folke ben the goodes of het lozo hpps.pe pisto; to bilbetftande the goodes of the emperour to Defende hem in her right but nat to cobbe bem ne to reue hem. Ind therfoze lapthe Soncca: the paur bence Chulde lyue bengancly with the theall that thou clepelt the theall ben goddes peor ple: fo; bumble folke been Crptes frendes! they be contuberny all with the lozde. Aothe cometh discepte bytwene marchaunt and macchaut. And thou Chalt bnoctfande that marchaundple is in many maners: that one is bodely and that other is gooffly: that one is lefull and that other is opf honell and bulefull. That bodyly marchandyle that is letul and bonett is this: that there as god

bath ozberned that a topalme oz a countre is fuffycient to bym (elfe/ u is boneft and lefull that the haboundaunce of this countre may belpe another countre that is more nedefull. Ind therfore there mult be marchaunces to bling from one countre to another their mas chaunople. That other marchaunople isi that men baunten falle othes | with fraude | trechery and opicepte with lelynges curled and dampnable. Sprituali marchaundyle is properly Comonyeithat is ententife Delyre to thynge fpysituali: that is thynge that api pertagneth to the feyntwarp of goo! and to cure offoule. This delpretiffo be that a man Do his opligéce to perfourme it all be it that his delpte take none effecte pet is it to bym a deedly fynne: and if he be ozdzed he is it reguler. Cettelle fymonye is cleped of Spi mon Magus that wolde by temporalicat tell have bought the peft that god had peuen by the holy good to tapute Weter and to the apoltels. Ind therfore biderltande pe i that bothe he that felleth and he that byeth thyni ges (ppzituall/ben cleped (pmonyakes: be it catell be it procuepinge or by fleithelp prape ers of his frendes, of of fyzituall frendes. flethly in two maners as by kynrede and by other frendes. Sothly if they playe for hym that is not able ne worthy it is immony if be take the benefyce. Ind if he be worthy and able it is none. That other maner ist whan men or women pragen for tolke to as uaunce bem onely for wycked flell bely affer ction that they have to the persones that is foule symony. But certelle in serupces for whiche men peuen thynges (ppzituall bnto ber leruauntes it mult be biberftanbe that the ferupce be honelt og els nat and ele that it be without bargapipinge and that the per fone be able. for as fayth fagnt Damas: all the lynnes of the worlde at regarde of this fpnne ben as thonge of naught for it is the greatest lynne that may be after the fynne of Lucyfer and of Anticryft for by this fpme god forlefpth the chysche and the foule that be bought with his precious blobe by bem that peuen chpiches to bem p be nat brane. for they put in theues that Relen the foules of Idu Cryft and byftroy his patrymony.

By luche badigne preftes and curates haue men the leffe reverence of the facramente of holy churche. Ind luche peuers of chriches put out the choldren of Explici and put in to the chysches the opuelles owne chylozen. They fellen the fowles, that Chall kepe the lambes to the wolfe that strangle hem. Ind therfore Chal they never have parte of the pa Qure of lambes that is in the bipile of heuen. ( Aowe cometh hasardite with his appertenauntes as tables quardes and reuelles. Df whiche cometh discepte falle othes chps dinges and all tauepns blaffemynges teps nynge of god hate of his negghbours walte of goodes implendyinge of tyme and loms tyme manflaughter. Certelle halarbours map nat be without gret fpnne/whyles thep baunten that crafte. Of Auarice cometheke lefpnges thefte falle wythele and falle or thes. And pe shull understande that these ben great fynnes and expresse avenst the co. maundementes of god as I have lapoe. falle wetnelle is eke in wozoe and in bebe. In worder as to byzene thy negathers good name by thy falle witnellying or aculeft him by the falle wetnesses or els exculest the selfe fallly. Ware pe queltmongers and notaries, certelle for falle wytnelle was Sulanna in great folowe and papie and many another mo. The lynne of theft is expresse also avenst goddes helte and that in two maners tem? pozall & sprituall. The tempozall thefte is as for to take the negabours carell agenit bis well be it by force or by flegght be it in meating of meture by flelynge by falle ens bytementes boon hym and in bosowynge thy nepabboures catell in entente neuer to pape and femblable thynges. Sppzituall thefte is lacrylege that is to lay outpuge of holp thenges or of thenges lacred to Cryft in two maners by reason of the holy place as chysches and chyschretdes for every byo lent (pune that men do in luche places, maye be cleped factylege. Allo they y fallely with volve the rightes of holy chyschel and pleyn and generally facrificge is to reue holy thing out of boly place of buholy thring out of hos ip place or holy thruge out of unpoly place. Aowelhall pe buderstandes that releupinge of Ausen apleticorde and pote largely taken. ? somen myght alke why that mys fercore and pytie is releupnat of auarice. Cette the anaricious man ( heweth no pps tien implericozde to the nedefull man fo: be Dely ceth hom in keppinge of his trefour and nat in the rescowing ne in the releapage of his euen cepften. Ino therfore fpeke I fyafte of myleticozde: than is mpleticozde as laith the phylosoperia bettue by whiche cozage of man is Apredi by the mplace of hym that is mpleled bon the whiche impler procede with pptief in perfourmpnge of charptable mets kes of mercee helpeth and comforteth hem that is mpfeled. Ind certes this meueth men to the inpleticozde of Thelu Cruft that hom lelfe luffred fo; our apite. De luftred Dethe to; mplesico; de and forpate be oute origie nall Cynnes and therby releled fro the papie of bell and amenused the papie of purals topp. The lopces of impletico: De ben as fo: to leane and eke for to peue | and for to for peue and for to releace! and for to have preis in bette and compassion of inpsechete of then euen cepiten: and ebe chaftpee there as nede 15. Another remedye avenft auarice is rear Conable largelle. But Cothelp bere behouerh the confederacion of our loide Thein Craft and of his grace and of his tempo all goor Desi and eke of the goodes perdurable that Crpft pate by and che to have remembiance of the Dethe that he Chall ope and recepue! and he wote nat whan; and eke that bel ball forgone all that he bathe befpended and abe ten in goodes. But for as moche as fome folke be bnimelurable men ougpeen elche we foote largelle that men clepen walte. Cere telle be that is foole large be peueth nat bis catell but be lefeth bis eatell. Certeffe what thringe that he peueth for bernalouse las to mynitralles and to folke that beare his renome in the worlde be bath do frime a nome almelle: certeffe be lefeth foule his good and leketh nothenge but fenne. De is leke to an boxe that feketh tather to dinke diapope water and troubled than water of the clete welle. Tobem apperternen the matrione that Cryff (ball yeue at day of dome to bem that [ hull be dampned. F.11.

# Chequitur de Gula.

fter Zuarice cometh Blotonpe ! whiche is exprelle apent the com moundement of god. Clotonpe is bumelurable appetite to care of to brinke of els to eate brumefurably a out of tyme more than nebeth is glotony. This fprine cortup. ted all this worlder as is well f bewed in the func of Moam and Gue. Locke what farth Capit Boule of glotony: Many men laythe be of whiche I have ofte (aid pouland no we I lay it wepping that they be enempes of the croffe of Croff of whiche the ende is bethe! and of which her wombe is her god! and her glozp en cofulpon of bem that lo letuen erthe ly thenges. De that is blaunte to this fenne of gloconpi be map no (pone withfande be mote be in feruage of all byces for it is the oruels borde there be broth bym un and ter Geth. This fonne bath many fppces: the ficft 15 Dionkeneffe that is the horrible Cepulture of mannes realon: and therfore whan that a man is bronke be hath lofte his reason and this is becoly (inne. But certes whan a man is nat wonte to fraunge binkes to perauen ture kno weth nat the Arength of the Dzinkel o; hath febleneffe in his beed o; bath traueps led through whiche be brinketh the more all be be fodagnely caught with Dimke it is no bredly frane but benyall. The leconde force of giotenpe is that the loggite of a man war, eth all troubled for Drobenelle bereueth bim discression of his worte. The thy de sprce of glotony is whan a man becoureth his mete and bath no rightfull maner of eatping. The fourthe is whan through the great babouns Dannee of his meate the humours of his bos by ben destempered. The tytthe is fozpetfuls malle i by to moche bunkpinge i for whiche a man toppeteth by the mojower what he byb ouer eue. In another maner been Diftyncte the lopces of glotonpe after lapnt Oregozp. The fyll is for to eate before tyme. The les conders / whan a man getteth bym to bely cate meate. The thype is when men taken to mykyll ouer meluce. The fourthe is cui

rpofrte with great entent to maken and aps paraple bis meate. The fofthe is forto ente gredyly. Thele ben the frue fyngers of the brucis hande by which be draweth folke to frine. Epenft glotonpe is the remedy abitps nence of his boop as lapth Baliene but that holde I nat merprone if he do it onely for beale of his boop. Saynt Juftyn well that abstractice be bo by bertue, and with paces ence. Abftynence be laythe is lytell worthe but if he have good well and but he be enfor ced by pacience and by charite and that men Do it for goddes (ake and in hope to have the blotte in beuen. The felowes of abstpnence ben attemperaunce that boldeth the meane mall thenges ekel bame that clebeweth all be bonelt suffeaunce that seketh no tyche meates ne bambes/ ne bothe no force of none outragiouse apparering of meate: also that restrepueth by reason, the Delaupe appetyte of eatynge and bunkpinge. Sobjenelle allo that refrequeth the outrage of bunke. Spa rynge also that restrepneth the belycate ease to lytte longe at his meate | wherfore foine folke stonden of berowne well, whan thep eate byraule they well eate at latte lepler.

#### C Sequitur de Luxuria.

fter Slotony than cometh lecheryet for thele two lpnnes ben lo npghe cos lyas that offe tyme they well nat beparte. God wote this fynne is full opfpleafaunt to god/for be fard bym felfe/do no lecbery: and therfore he putteth great paynes avenit this Conne. for in tholde lawer if a woman thrall were taken in this fpine! The Chulde be beas ten with stanes to the Dethe: and if the were a gentle woman (be (bulde be (lapne with Rones: and iff he were a by Mhoppes bough! ter/Che Chulde be bzente by goddes comauns Dement. furthermozelfoz the fpnne ofleches epigod diepnte all the worlde after that he brent fpue cottes and lanke bown in to bell, Aow let be speke than of p spine of lecheny that men clepen abuoutry that is of webbied folke, that is to lape, if that one of hem been

wedded or els bothe. Sannt Johan Capther that the auoultrers (bull be una ftynkenge beenning potte of free and beinftone for les thery is lykened to bumfone for the flynke of her ozdure. Certelle the bereupnge and breakinge of this factament/is an hortyble thonge. It was made of god bim lelfe in pas radple and confirmed by Thelu Crpft: As Capthe Capit Dathewe in the golpell a man Chall let father and mother and take hym to bis wpfe and they ( ball be two in one delfb. This factament betokeneth the knyttyng to gyther of Cryste and holy chyschel and nat only that god forbabbe anoutry in bederbut eke be comaunded that thou (buldelt nat cos uepte the negghbours wyfe . In this belte Capth Capnt Bultyn all maner couetple to bo lecherpe is forboden. Lo what lapthe lapnt Mathe we in the golpell who le leeth a wor man to couetyle or bis lufte be bath Done les therp with her in his herce. Here maye ve le! that nat onely the Dede of this Come is for bode/but eke p delpze to do that lpnne. This curled frame anoverh greuoully bem that it baunte and fyalt to the Coule for he obligeth it to Conne and to paper of Dethe that is per, burable and to the body anopeth it greuouls ly/for it orieth hym: and of his blobe he mas beth factifyle to the fende of bell it walteth big catell and big Cubitaunce. Ind certeile if it be a foule thynge a man to wafte his catell on women pet is it a fouler thing that whan for Cuche ozbure/ women (penben bpou men ber catell & Cubitaunce. This Conne as lapth the prophete beceueth a man and a woman ber good fame and all ber honour and it is full pleasaunt to the opuell for therby won. neth be the motte parte of this woulde. Ind tyabt as a marchaunt delpteth bym molt in chaffare be bath molt auauntage of right Co Delpteth the fende in this opdure. This is that other bande of the dpuelli with fpue fpn gers to catch the people to this bilony. The fralt frager is the foule lobrage of the tole woman/that flethe/right as the Balilicoke (lethe folke by the benym of his (patt/for countrie of the even foloweth the countrie of the berte. The leconde fynger is the bilapins touchpage in wyched maner: And therroge

Capthe " mon! that who to toucheth and bande' aga woman betaceth lyke bein that bant ath the (coppon) that flyngeth and (o) Den y (leeth through bis enuenempng or as who to coucheth purche he thenderb his fpn: g.cs. The thpid is foule woides that fareth like feze that brenneth that right anone bren neth the herte. The fourthe is sollonge and trewly be were a great fole that wolve kylle the mouthe of a brennpinge ouen or of a fact neps: and more foles ben they that hollen in bylong for that mouthe is the mouth of hell and namely thele olde botatdes bolours pet well they bille though they may nat bo and lmater bem. Certelle they be loke to boudes! to; an bounde whan he cometh by the roller! or by other benches if he may nat polle per well be beue be bis legge and make counte nauce to pp (e: and for that man weneth that be mape nat Conne for loco toufnelle that be both with his weft certelle that openion is falle. God wote a man map Il dhimielfe with bis owne knyfe and make bim bronke with bis owne conne. Certelle be it morte or chilos or moxily theng that he loueth before and it is his mammet a be is an pholatice. Heari Chuld loue his work by ductrecion, paciencio and attemperatio and than is the as though the were his lufter. The fofthe fynger of the Dpuelles bande is the ftonkpage Dede of le chery. De gropeth hom by the repnes forto throwe him in to the furners of bell there as they I hal have the free and the mormes that euer (hall laften weppnge and wagipnge Charpe bunger and the it grif trieffe of or uelles that f bull all to trede bim without te (pite & withoutenende. Oflecheryias & faib fourden divers [pices | as formicacion / chat is bet wpr man a woman that ben nat marged and this is deedly finne tapenft nature and Diffruction to nature is agenft nature. Det fey the reason telleth bym cke y it is deedly (princ) for as moche as god forbade lechery. 3nd faint Doule peucty bim the reigne pis bue to no wpatt but to bem & bo no becolp lymic. another linne of lechery 18 to bereuen a mapbe of her mapbenbed: for certes be thas Co Dothe be catcheth a map be out of the byeft Degre p is in this present lyfe, and beceueth

E.III.

bet that preciouse frute that the boke clepeth the hundred frute: I can lage it none other, wple in englyffbe but in laten it bight Cen. telimus fructus. Certelle be that lo bothe is cause of many bomages and bylonges, mo than any man can reken : tyght as be fomes tyme is cause of all bomages that beeftes bo in the felbe that breaketh the bedge of the clo fure through whiche be diffrogeth that map nat be reftozed. for certelle no more mave mapbenheed be reftozed than an arme that is fingten fro the body/ may retourne avene to were. She may have mercy this wote T mell af (be Do penptence | but neuer [ ball it be but that f be is corrupte. And all be it fo that I have spoke somwhat of auoultrye it is good to f he we mo perplies that longen to abuoultry for to clebewe the foule france of abuoultry mlaten it is for to fay the approx chyng of another mannes bed through whis the they that were one fleffh habounden ber bodres to other persones. Of this francias farth the wife man come many harmes first breaking of ferthe: and certelle ferth is ker of Crystendome. And whan that kep is bio, Ben and lome certen cryftendome fanbeth without frute. This fpnne is eke thefter foz thefte generally to speke of 15 to; to reue a thong of a man avenit his well. Certes this is the foulest thefte that may be whan a wor man ftealeth ber body from ber bulbade and peueth it to her holour to defoule it and frea leth her foule from Crift and peucth it to the Douell. This is a foule theft for to feale and breake the chales: for theie aduoultrers bres tien the temple of god (ppzitually and ffelen the bestell of grace that is the body and the foule. for whiche Croft ( hall biltrope bem! as fayth faynt Poule. Sothly of this thefte bouted gretly Toleph whan that his loades wyfe prayed hym of bylony/whan he lapde. Lo my lady bowe mp lorde bath take to me buder my warde all that he hath buder this worlde ne nothping is out of my power but only pe that be his wyfe: and howe (hulde ] than bo this wickednelle & lynne lo hozrible apent god. Alas all to lptell is fuche trouth nowe proude. The thy the harme is the falth through whiche they breake the comaunder

ment of god and befoule the auter ofher ma trimony that is Crift. for certelle in lo my? byllias the factament of mariage is fo noble and to bigne to moche it is the greater linne to breake it: for god made mariage in paras byle in the fate of innocency to multyplye mankynde to the feruice of god and therfore is the brekenge therof greuous. Of whiche breaking comen falle hepres often tyme that wzongfully occupien folkes beritages. Ind therfore well Crift put bem out of the regne of Deuen/that is beritage to good folke. Df this beckpage cometh eke that folke baware wedde of frime with her owne kynred and namely the barlottes that hauten bozdelles: there fole women mowe belykened to a coa men gonge/where as men purge her ozdure What lave me cke of putriers that lyuen by the horryble spnne of putry and constraying women be come her own wrues or his chile de las done these bawdes to pelde hem a cers tapne rent of her bodily putry. Certelle thele ben curled lynnes. Understande pe ekelthat abuoultry is let comenly in the ten comauna dementes/bytwene theft and manslaughter/ for it is the greatest thefte that may be for it is thefte of body and of foule. Ind it is lyke to hompcide / for it berueth a two bem that fyift were made one delibe: and by the olde lawe they (bulde be Clayn. But netbeleffe by the lawe of Thein Cryst that is the lawe of pytic/ whan he lapd to the woman that was tounde in auoutry and Chulde have be flagn with flones after the well of the Tewes as was ber lawe. Go of Jelu Cryfte and baue no moze wyll to bo fpnne. Sothely benges aunce of aduoultry is awarded to the papie of belle but it be diffourbed with penaunce. pet ben there mo (ppces of this cutled (prine) as whan that one of bem is relygyoute 1 02 els bothe: 02 of folke that been entred in to ozdzelas lubdeken oz deken/ pzeeft oz bolpy + talers. Ind euer the brer that he is in 02020/ the greater is the fpnne: for they baue mane great bowes to kepe chaltyte. This lynne of breakpinge of bis anowe of Chaftyte is whanne be recepued order. And Cothe it is/ that holy order is thefe of all the treasour of god and is a specyall sygne and marke of

chaftete thiche that is the mofte precyous lpfe that is and che this orbred folke ben fpe cially tytled to god | for which whan they bo deedly lynnesthey ben the special traytours of god and of his people for they lyue by the people to prape to; the people: and whyles they be luche traptours her prayers anaple nat to the people. Dieftes ben as aungelles/ as by the mittery of her dignyte. But foxfoth faynt Doutelaythe that Bathanas trans fourmeth him in an aungeli of leght. Sothe ly the preeft that haunteth fpnne he maye be lykened to an augell of Derknelle, tranffour med in to an aungell of lpabt: be femeth an aungell of lyght but foxoche he is an auns gell of berkneile. Suche preftes ben the fons neg of thelplagig (he wed in the boke of kyns ges that they were of Connes of Beigall that 19 the opuell. Belyall is to lape withouten tuge: and to faren they bem thynketh that they be free and have no tuge no more than bath a fre bull that taketh whiche cowe that hymlyketh in the towne. So faren they by women for right as a tre bull is prough for all atowner tyght to is a corrupte preeft pe nough for all a partiffe or a countre. Thefe precites as layth the boke knowe nat omp, nyftery of prection to the people ine to goo! ne they holde hem nat apaped as laythe the boke of looden fleffpe p was to bemoffred/ but they take by force the fleth that is rawe. certelle right lo thele thie wes holde hem nat apayde of rosted selfhe a fodden with whis the the people feben bem in great reuerence but they well have rawe fleith as folkes we ues ther boughters. And certelle thele wo. men p confenten to be her harlottes do great wronge to Cryfte and to boly chyrche to all balowes and to all lowles, for they beceuen bem all that [bulde worf typ Crift and holy chysche and also to prapen for al criften sous les. And therfore baue luche preeftes and ber lemmans/that consenten to her lecherpe/ the maly con of the crysten courte tyll they come to amendement. The thy toe space of aduous try is Comtyine bytwyr a man and bis wyfer and big whan they take no regarde in their affemblyng but onely fo; theffgly belyte as Capthe Capit Accome and recke of nothpugy

but the a lebled by cause they be marred all is soo prough as thinketh to bem. But infu pe folke bath the bruell power as faid the ingell Raphaell to Tobye: for in ber ale le ibling they put Telu croft out of ber bert and peue bem felfe to all ozoure. The fourth (ppce is of hem that affemblen by her hynted or of bem that ben of one affraite or els with bem with whom her favers had bealed with the forme of lechery; this forme maketh bem lyke houndes that taken none bede of byno rede . Ind certelle parentela is in twomas ners or golly flellhip. Shollip is for to ber ien with per gollops. for right fo as a god. father is her father (pyinuall: for whiche a woman map in no lelle (pnne feble with bee goffp than with her owne brother. The withe fonne is that abbonivnable frame of whiche no man ought to speke ne write: nee theleffe it is openly rehected in holy watere. Cettes holp wait may not be befouled more than the Conne that Cheneth on a Bungbell. Another Conne apperteneth to lechery that cometh in (lepunge) and this forme cometh oft to bem that ben may bens and the to bem that been corrupte. Ind this forme is cleved pollucion p cometh in four mariers. Soome tpme it cometh of langually ng of the book of man. Sometyme it cometh of inframete for the feblenelle of o vertue retentife as phy Tyke maketh mercion. Somtyme of luttete of meate a brinke. Ind fointpine for brotent thoughtes that ben enclosed in mans mende whan be gothe to (lepe whiche mare har be without fpile for which men mult kepe bem wpfelp of els mave they forme are would be Rowe cometh remedy avent lecherve and that is generally chaffree a concenence that refreynethall defordenate meurnges that comen of deffbelp talences. Ind euer che greater meryte ( hal be baue that refreyneth mofte the wicked chafpinge of obute of this fpine and this is in two maners that is to lay chaffete of mariage and chaffete of wee downerd. Rowe Chaltethou understande that mattymonye is lefull affemblynge of man and woman that recepuen the bertue of the Sacramente the bonde whiche that may not be departed mall berly withis is to

# The Bactons tale.

Cap tabiles they lyue bothe. This is lastaced the boke is full preat (acrement) god made it as a baucland an waradpie and wolde bem felfe behome in marpage: and to: to balows manage be was at weddping where be mo ned water in to white which was the fyzite my lack that he would till erthe! to fore bes bullypies. The treme effects of mariage elem leth farmicacion and replemilibeth boly thut she of good lynage: for as the moe of marry age chaungeth beedly (ynne in to benyall bytwenchen that ben wedded, and maketh the bettes all one as well of bem as the bor opes. Thus is very mary age that is flabitly ( bed by god of that (prine began) whan nar turall lame was in his trabt popute in par tabple, Jud it was operated that a woman Chalde baue but one man: as lagth lagnt Au from by many reasons. Trife that marrage is franced by twene & spit and holy copiete. And another is that a man is beed of the wo man lalgace by ordpnaunce stibutor befo. for if a woman had mo men than one than Child the have mo beedes than one and that mere an hogephie thong before god: and the a woman my gir nat pleafe many folke attor nes. And also there ( bulbe neuet be peace ne rest amonges them for enerythe wolde alke bis owne thenge. And furthermore no man Thulbe knowe bis ownerngendzute/ne who f bulle baue bis herptage: and the monian Chulde be latte loved too the tyme that the were committe with many. Lowe cometh bowe a man (bulde bete bim with bis wyfe/ and namely us two thinges that is to fap in fuffraunce and in reuerence. And this (ber wed ford Erick whan he made first woman for he made ber nat of Abams beed for the Chalde nachaue to great load byp: for there as the woman bath the makere i be maketh to moche bularape. There nebe none enlame ples of this the experience that we have day by Dape ought to fuffpce. Allo certelle be ne made nat the woman of the fete of Abam for the thulbe mar beholde to lower to; the canne nat pacpently fuffre but god made woman of the geb of Abam! for tooman (bulbs be fer lows botoman. Dan Chulde beare hom to bis prefer in farth in trouthe and in loue as

Capth Caent Poule: and that than Chuloe loue his write as a coft opo boly chyschest los uch it (o well/that he bych for it: lo (bulbe a man for his wife, if it were nede. A owe how that a woman (bulee be fubget to ber buf. bande that telleth fapute Deter and the as farth the decre. A woman as longe as ( be is a myfe ( be bath mode auctorte to Cwete ne to beare topmelle without leans of her bul. bande and allashe (bulde be boneft and at temperat platap. I mote well thep f buloc fether entente to pteale her bul bandes but nat by queymple of ber arap. lapat Terome faith that would ben aparapled infolher in purpure/map nat clothen bem ut Jelu cepft. Saynt Gregory lapthe ekel that no wyghe Ceneth no precious aray but only bepne alos spelto be honoused the more before the peop ple. It is a great foly a woman to have gert acape outwarder and ber felfe to be foule inmarde. A worfe (bulde che be melucable in lo kynge in bearpage and mlaughpage and decrete in all ber wordes and ber dedes/and about all worldely thenges the Chulde love ber bulbande with all her berne and to home be true of ber bady: (o Chulbe every bufbade eke be trewe to bis wife. for fothen all o bor Dp is the bulbandes (o Chulbe ber bert be al. lo of the there is bet wor bemt wo no parfite macyagei as in that. Chan (hall a man bn. Derstande that for thre thonges a man and his wofe mote affemble. The fort for then, tent of gendruce of chyldrenits the leturce of god. fo; certelle that is the caule fimall of matrymonp. That other is to peloc cuerpch of bem p Dette of ber bodp/for nepther of bem hathe power of his owne boop. The thribe 18 for to elche we lechery and bulonge. The fourth toxoth as deedly (pnne. As to the first at is meritory: the feconde alfo / for the becre faithe ( be bath mespecifoz that the pelbeth to her hulbande p bette ofher body: pethough it be apend ber lpkpnae and the lufte of ber hert. The thy the maner whiche is telchewe lechery | holbe it no beebly finne but many of thele be not without benyall (pnne/for the costupction & beipte therof. The fourth mar ner is to birberftambel if that they affemble onley for amerous loue, and for none of the

forelapte causes but for to acomply the the brenning belpte they recke neuer howe ofte Corbely it is a Deedly Cynne. Ind pet with for came folke well paper hem more to bo than her appetyte luftyleth. The leconde ma ner of chaftpte is to be clene wybowe to els chewe the braiginge of maniand to belyze the embralpnges of Jelu Cryft. Thele ben tho that have been wrues and have forgone her hulbandes and eke women that have doone lechery and be releued by penaunce. Ind cer teffe if that a wyfe can kepe her all chafte by lycence of ber bulbande lo that the pateno caufe | no; none accaspon that he agplico | it were to her gret metyte. Thele maner of wo men that observen chastyte muste be clene in bert as well as in body and in thought and meturable in clothing and in countenaunce abstruent in earringe and dunking in speakyng and in dede. And than is the bellell of the bore of the bleffed Adaudelepn that fulfylled holy chysche full of good odour. The thyzde maner of chaltite is birg in yte: and it behoueth that (be be boly in herte and clene of body than is the the spoule to Jesu cryst and the is the lyfe of aungels the is the prep fong of this worlde and the is as thele mare tpis in regalive (the bath in ber that tonge map nattell. Appainpte bare our loide Telu Cryst and birgy nyte was hymselfe. Inos ther remedye avenst lechery is specially to withdrawe luche thinges as peuen occasion to that bylong as eating and dunkinge: for certesse whan the potte bopleth strongly the befte remedy is to withdrawe the free. Sie ppnge longe in great gupete is che a great nozice to lechery. Another remedye against lechery is that a woman or a man eschewe company of hein by whiche he demeth to be tempted for all be it so that the dede be with stande pet is there great temptacion. Soth ty a whote wall all thoughtt been nat fully by the Appropriate of a candell pet is the wall blacke of the lyght. In lyke wyle ofte tymes luche persons have yuell name bycause they brawe in bycious company. Well ofte tyme have I redde that no man trust in his owne perfection but be be ftrenger than Sapfon holper than Daupd wpfer than Salomon.

canne of geleuen becoty spines and some of ber ber anches and her cemedies: sothly if a could. I wolve tell you the ten comaunder menies; but so hygh a bottype I let to by upies. But nethelesse frust to god they be touched in this treatise eueryche of hem all.

# Cadhuclecunda pars penitentie.

Owe as to the leconde parte of penpa tence it fonte in confession of mouth as I began in the leconde chappite to fore. Saint Juften latth fene is in cuery woode and in cuery bede and all that men coueten arent the lawe of Telu crift: and this is for to fpnne in herte in mouthe and in bede bo the frue writes o ben leght herenge imele lynge taftynge o: lauoutynge and felynge. Aowe is it good to understande the circum staunces that agrudgen mikyll euery frame. Thou Chalce consporte what thou aree that boeff the (pnne whether thou be male or tre male pong of olde gentle of thealt fre of fer uaunt wyle or fole hole or (iche medded or (pngle 0:0:ed o: uno:d:ed clerke o: leculer if the be of thy kontede bodyly or gooding or none a mayben of none in maner of homes cyde or none horryble great fynne or [mail] and how longe thou ball cotynued in france. The thpide circumstance is the place where thou haft Done lynne whether in other men nes howles or in thone owne in felde or in chysche of in chricheverde in chriche dedrcate of none: for if the chyrche were balo med. and man or woman forll his krinde within that place by ware of lynne of by weeked temptacion the chricke were enteroited tril it were reconciled by the by Thoppe and the preeft ( bulde be enterdreed that and fuche a bylonge terme of his left and be foulde not more lynge made and if he dyde be fbulde Do deedly fynne at enery trine that be fonge malle. The fourthe circumstance is by luche mediatours as by mellangers or for entples ment of for confentement to beare company with felows hyp: for many one for to beare

felenCopp! worll go to the Dyueil of bell! for they that eggen of conferen to the fpnne ben patteress to the (pnnel and of the dampnas cion of the Connec. The fofth is howe many tymes that be bathe (ynned/ and it be in his mendeland bow ofte be bath fall. for be that ofte falleth in fynne he Dyfpyleth the ineccy of god! and encrealeth his fynne! and is bits kynde to god and he wereth y more feble to dictifiande synnes franceth the more lightly and the later arileth and the more elcheweth for to Chrine bym and namely to bym that bath ben bis cofe Cout for whiche that folke whan they fall agene in her olde folyes, they forleten ber olde confessours all beterip | 02 els thep beparten ber huft in biuers places. But lothip (uche Departed Chaifte Delerueth no mercee of god for his lynnes. The lyrie circumstaunce is this why that a man sons neth as by what temptacion and of hunfelfe procure thylke temptacion or by excuping of other folke or if thou lyfic with a woman by force or by her owne allent: or if the woman magte ber beed baue be enforced or nat and where for courtyle or powerte: all this Chait thou tell and if it was bet procurpage or not and all luche manet thynges. The feuenth epicumstaunce is in what maner he hathe done bis spring or howe that the bath suffeed howe folke have bone to her and of the lame Chal the mantell all the circumstaunces and if that he have spined with comen bozdell momen or none in fallyinge tymes or none or boone his lynne in holy tymes or none or beforne bis [ brifte | or after his latter Chrifte | and bath perauenture therfore broken his pe naunce encopned by whose helpe and whose countaple by forcerp or crafte all mufte be tolde thefe thynges after that they be great or [mall and grudge the confcience of man or woman. Ind eke the preeft that is finge may the better be aupfed of his ingement in peugnge of his penaunce and that Chall be after his contricion: fo: binderftande well that after tome that a man bath befouled his baptilime by lynnel if he wyll come to lauas cionithere is none other wape but penaunce and (buffe and latiffaction, and namely by the two/if there be a confessour to whome he

map (hitue him/and that be first be berp con trote and repentaunt. And the thyabe of be haue lefe to perfourme it. Than Chall man loke and confeder if he well make a treme and a profptable confestpon there muste be four condprions. fpil it multe be in lozowe full betternelle of herte as lapde the benge Esechye to god. I well remembre all the per res of my lyte in the byttetuelle of my bette. This condicion of bytternelle bath frue fige nes. The fpatte is that confestion muste be ( hamefalt nat for to coueren ne to hope big fpnne/ but for be bath agylted his god and Defouled bis Coule. Ind hereof Capthe Capit Auften the herte trauepleth for Chame of his fpine and foz be bath great Chamefallnelle! be is digne to have gret mercy whiche was the confession of the Puply cane, that wolde nat lefte by his even to beuen for he had of fended god of heuen: for whiche Chamefalt, nelle he had anon the mercy of god. And ther fore laythe laynt Auftyn that luche [ hame, falt folke ben nerte fozpeuenelle and remple fron. That other fpnne is bumplite of cons festion of whiche faythe fagnt Beter: hums bleth you bader the myabir bande of god in confession for therby god forpeueth the syns nesifor he alone hath power. This humplite fhall be in berte and infigne outwarde: foz right as he bath humplite to god in his berti right lo fulloe he humble his body outward to the preelt that lytteth in goddes place: for whiche in no maner (pthnelle that Croft is fourtagne and the preed meane and medpa tour bytwene Crpft and the fynner, and the fpnner is lelle be way of reason. Than [buls benat the fomer lytte as brote as bis cons feffour but buele byforne hym or at bis fete but if malabre distourbe it fo; be fhall nat take kepe who fpt there but in whose place helptteth. A man p hath trefpaced to a lorde and cometh for to alke mercy and make his accorder and lette hym downe anone by the loide men wolde holde bem outragpoule! and nat worthy to fone to have remiffron ne mercy. The thy ide ligne is that thy Chaifte Chulde be full of teares if man mape wepe. And if a man may nat wepe with his bodelp eyen let hym wepe in his berte. Suche was

the confellion of lapnt Beter/foz after be hab forfake Telu Cryft he wente out and wepte full botterly. The fourthe lyane is that be let nat for Chame to Chaine bem! and Cheme his confession. Suche was the confession of Dawbeleyne that (pared forno Chame of hem that were at the feelt for to go to oure lorde Thelu Ceptt and beknowe to hun her Come. The fofth tygne is that man and wos man be obeplaunte to recepue the penaunce that is emopned hem: for cettelle Jefu Crift for the apice of one man was obedyent to the Dethe. The feconde condycion of bery cons fellyon is that it be haltely bone. for certelle if a man had a decoly wounder ever the lens ger that he tarped to wariffic hym the moze wolde it corrupte and hafte him to his beth! and eke the wounde be the worle for to hele. Roght to fareth frame that longe trine is in a man buf hewed. Certelle a man ought has ftelp to thew his fpune for many cautes and for Decde of Dethe that cometh of the lo for Denly and is time certeyn what tyme it fhat be ne in what place and eke the lenger he ta rpeth the ferther is he fro Crpft. Ino if he a bide buto bis last day scarlely may be thine or amende them for his formes or repent him for the greuous malady of his bethe and for as moche as he bath nat in his lyfe herkened Tefu Crest when he hath spoken buto hum be f ball cree buto our lozde at his lafte day and scarcely be Chall berken hom. Tinder, frande that this condycion must have foure thonges. Tout that the Chafte be purueped afore and aupled and that a man can (hime hom of his synnes be it of pride or of enupe and to forthe with the spaces and circums flaunces and that be have comprehended in his mende the nombre and the greatnette of bis (prines and howe longe he hath tagne in frine, and eke that he be contrite of his frie nes and be in ftedfast purpose by the grace of god/neder effe to fall aven in to lynner to whiche be is enclined. Also though alt ligitue the of all the fennes to one man and nat perceimele to one man and perceimele to anos ther. Than is it to be binderstande in the ent tent to parten thy confession as for Chame or diedelfor it nys but dranglyng in the foule

for cettelle Cepft is all good in hom is none unp colon and therfore be forpeueth all party appand els neuer a deale. Thay nat if thou e ailigned to the penytauneer forcer tapne prine that thou arce bounde to fhe we him Althe temenaut of the fannes of which thou hafte be I briven of the curate but if it lyke the of thyne humplite this is no departying off haifteine I fay nat there as I fpeke of dyunfion of confession that if thou have lycence to Chaine the to a diferete and an bor nell preeft and where the loketh and bo the lycence of the curate that thou ne mail well fhrue the of all thy spines but let no blotte bebynde let no fpune be butolde as ferre as thou halte remembraunce. Ind whan thou Chalce be Chauen of thy curate tell hymete all the frines that thou half bone fpthe thou were lafte ( hauen. Ilfo the berp f hatte ale acth certepne condicions. frifte that thou Characthe by thy fre well nat confirey neone for Chame of tolke ne for malabre of luche thonges for it is reason that he that trespas feth by his tre well confelle his trefpace ne none other mad Chall tell bis finne ne wach bym apenft the piecet for his amone dynas to let his fpane. The feconde condreion ist that the Chafe belawfull that is to lay thou that Chimeft the and chothe preeff that ber beth the confession ben berete in the feeche of holy chysche and that a man be nat bupag red of the mercy of Jelu Crift as Carnand Judas were. Indeke a man graft acufe bim felfe of his owne trespace and nat another but he f hall blame and wree bem felfe of bis owne malvee toffis franc and none other: but netheleffe if a nother man by enchelon of entylpinge of his lynnes out the eleate of a perfon be luche by whiche his fon is agrege ged of elsthat he mare nat playabl buile but he tell the person whiche he bath synned with than may be tell: fo that his entente be nat to backyte the persone but onely to Des clare his confestion. Thou Chalte eke make no leasunge in the confession for bumplices peraucuture to laye that thou ball done fyne nes of whiche thou were never apley. for faynt Julyn fayth if thou because of hulyte makelt a lefying of thy felfe, though

mese nat in Conne afoze/pet art thou in Conne then through the lefenge. Thou Chalce eke Cheme the Conne by the propre mouthe but thou be bomber a nat by letter for thou that bafte Do Cynne thou Chalt have the Chame of the confession. Thou f balte nat che papite the confesson by fayze and subtyle wordes! to couce the more thy fynne for than begileft thou the felfe and nat o precht: thou must tell et plepnip be it neuce lo hourible ne lo foule. Thou (balt che (bruc the to a precft that is bifcrete to countaple the: and che thou [ balte nat Chame the for bapne glorp ne for ppocte. freine for no caufe but only for the boubte of Telu Crift and the beale of the foule. Thou Chaite nat che renne to the precft all fodente to tell bem lightly the fonne as who telleth a tape o; a tale but aupfebly with great be. nocion and generall to fhaue the ofter than ones of frane whiche thou bafte be (bituen of it is the more merpte. for as laythe farnt Buftyn thou [ balte baue the moze lightly re leafe and grace of god bothe of fynne and of papire. Ind certes ones a pere at the left wap et is lawfull for to be houleled. forfothly or nega pere all thonges renouclen. TV.

#### CIncipit tertia pars penitentie.

Dwehaue I tolde of berp confession that is the feconde parte of penitecy. The thpide parte is latpl faction and fan. beth generally in almeile dede and in bodely paine.nowe ben there the maner of almelle Contricion of herte where a man offerpit hpm felfe to god. Inother is to have pytie of befaute of his nevghbours. The thirde is in peuinge of good countaple and comforte bos Delp and gooffip where men haue nebe and namelp in fubftaunce of mannes foode and take bepe that a man bath nede of thele thens ges generally: De hath nebe of fobe of clos theng and herberough: he hath nebe of chas eptable councepipnge and bplitpnge in pais fon a malaby and lepulture of beeb bobyeg.

of thou mailt nat bilite the nevefull with

the peftes. Thefe ben the generall almeffes of werkes of charpte of bem that have tem. potall ercheffe of discression in coularlying. Of their werkes Chalte thou bere at the Day of bome this almelle f huloch thou bo of the proper thringes and haltely and principle thou mart. But nathelelle if thou mailt nat do it princly thou fhalt nat forbere to do als melle though men le it lo that it be nat done for thanke of the worlde but only for to have thanke of our loade Telu Ctpft. for as wpt. nelleiblannt Bathewe: a cytie may nat be byo that is Cette bpon'a mountagne ne men leght nat a lanterne and put it bnber a buls fiell but fetten it bpon a candelfipke to ligh ten the men in the boufe. Gight fol ball your light lighten beforne men that they mone le pour good werkes and gloufpe pour fai ther that is in beuen. Aowe as for to fpeke of bodily payne it fonte in players in was kpnge in fastynge and in bertuous teching of oxilong. ve [ ball bnberftanbe that oxilong or prapers is for to lape a pytcoule bopce of bert that is redzelled in god and exprelling it by worde outwarde to remeue harmefull thenges and to have thinges specicuell and butable and cometyme temporall thyriges. Of whiche outlong in the outlon of Pater no der bath Telu Croft enclosed most thinges. Certelle it is priupleged of thre thynges in his dignite for whiche it is more digne than any other player, for that Thelu Croft hom scife made it and it is s borte for it shulde be conde the more lightly and for to withholde more easely in hertel and helpe hom felfe the ofter with thousand for a mans buloc be the leffe weep to fapit and for a man maye nat excule hom to lerne it it is to Chore and lo ealpland for it comprehendeth in him lelfe all good prayers. Therpolicion of this holy praper that is to excellent and to diane to take to the mapfters of theologye: faue thus mothe well I lape that whan thou praper that god shulde forpeue the thy gyltes las thou forgruest hem that have agplied the be wel ware o thou be nat out of charite. This holy oufone amenuleth che benpatte (pnne) and therfore it appertayneth (pecially to per nitence. This praper muste be trucky laid in

berp fepth and that men prape to god ordy nately Differetly and benoutly: alway a man Chall put his well to be subjecte to the well of god. This orifon mufte eke be layo with areat bumblenetle and full pure and boneft, ly and nat to the anoplaunce of any man oz woman. It muft che be contenued with wer kes of charptel it anapleth eke apenft the bys ces of the foulc. for as farth farnt Jerome! by fast vinge be faued the byces of the theifhe and by prayers the byces of the foule. After this thou I halt buberlande y bodily papie fonte in wakpinge. For Jelu Ctyft lapther wake pe and prave per that pe ne entre in to wycked temptacyon. ye fhall buderstande that fallyng flanbeth in thie thynges in fois bearing of bodily meate and brinke, and in forbearinge of worldly tolytics and in tore bearing of deedly frame with all his might. Ind thou Chalte biderftande that god ococp ned faftenge and to faftenge appettepueth four thynges: largenelle to poore folke glad nelle in berte ipprituall / nat be angredine to be anopedine to arutche for he falteth and allo resonable house for to cate by mesure that is to lave that a man f bulde nat eace in butpme/ne frete the lenger at his table for he falteth. Than Chalte thou buderstande mat bodily payne flandeth in discyplyne of teas change by worde or by writinge or by ente fample also in wearings of hear of or fras mpn ozof an habergeon on her nakeo dellh for Criftes fake and p luche maner penaun. ces ne make nat the herte bytter of angry ne anoped of thy felfe: for better is to cast away thene bear than to cast away the swetcheste of our loade Jelu Cryft. Ind therfore laying Caint Poule: clothe you as they that ben tho len of god in hert of implericozde ochonay: te (luftraunce) and fuche maner of clothing/ in whiche Jefu Crpft is more apapoe than in an hear, or habergeon than is bifcipline ebe in brockyng of the breft in fcourgenge with perdes in knelping in tribulacions in fuffrenge paciently wronges that be do to bym-and cke in pacpent fuftrynge of mala-Dres or lefringes of wrololy catell or wyfe or chyloe or other frendes. Than Chali thou budeestande whiche thynges dystroublen

this is in thre maners that is penaunc brede ( .. ne and wanhope that is differas cion.? 10 for to (peke of brede for whiche he ment in he maye fuffre no penaunce there as pen't is remedy for to thenke that bodile per naunce is but (bo.te acceparde of bill that is cruell and folonge that it lafteth withous ten ende. Aowe aventt i hame pa man hath to (bilue bom (buloe a man thonke by way of realon, that he bath nat be al hamed to do foule thong. Certeile hom ought nat to be a. Chamed to bo favie thringes and good thring ges and that is confellpons. I man (bulbe thynke that god wore all his thoughtes and his werkes and to hunmap no thing be had ne couered. Den i bulbe che remebre bem of the Chaine that is to come at the Day of Dome to bem that be not penptent in this pielente life: fo: all the creatures in beuen and in erth and in bell (bull to appettly all that they bee den in this world. A owe for to ipe be of bem that ben fo neglegente and flowe to fbine hem it frandeth in two maners. That one is that be hopeth to lyue longe and for to put chace moche tycelle for his delyte and than wyll be f hime hym as be farthe: be man as hym femeth tymely ynough come to fhitte, Another is the lurgupone y be bath in Cris thes mercy; and apend the field be fual thinks that our inferentio like ricue and che vall the richelle of the worlde is in auchture and pailvinge as a ( bado we on a wall : And as lagthe lague Gregory that it apperteymeth to the great epabemplenelle of god that nev uer Chall the payme thomes of them that neuer wolde without we hem to francher makes but cult contynued infinite for that perpetu all will to oo fyn thall they have perpetuall paine, wanhope is in two maners. The first wa thope is in the merey of god. That other is that they thinke that they may enatlonge perfeuer in goodnelle. The first wahope cometh of that he benneth that he bath famed fo greatly to ofter and to longe layine in france that helball nat be faued. Certes avent that curied wanhope he i hulde thunke that the pallion of Teluis more fronge to unbynde than in is to bynde. Ind avend the feconde wanhope; he fhall thenke that as ofte as be

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fellethibe [bal action by penitence a though be neuer Co longe baue lapne in Conne ! the mercy of Crift is alway redy to recepue him to mercy . Apent the wanhope ! that he bes meth that be (bulbe nat longe perfeuere in goodneile be Chall thinke that the febleneffe of the bruell map nothing do but men will fuffre byin and eke be (ball baue frenath of god and of all boly chy che and of the protes stion of aungels if bim loft. Than (bul men bnberftanbe | what is the frute of penaunce | and after the wo; De of Jelu Crift it is enber leffe blyffe of heuen there toy bath no contra evolpte of wo ne greuaunce there all harmes be patte of this pictent lyfe there as is fiket. nette fco the paynes of belle there as is the bleded company that recoplen euermoze e. ueryche of others toye there as the body of man that whylome was foule and berke is more clere than the lonne: there as whylom the body was licke and freyle feble and moz sall is immortall and fo fronge and fo hole! that there may no thinge enpayee it/there as nepther is buger ne thull ne colde but euery Coule replenifihed with the fratt of the pertpte knowpage of the tryatte. This bleffed teigne may man purchace by pouette (pyris tuail and the glopy by lown : le the plente of top by bunger and thull and the reft by tras waple and the lpfe by bethe and mostificaci. on of Conne. Cothat lyfe be be bringe that bought be with his precioule blobe. Imen.

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that if there be any thynge that inketh hem, y thereof they thanke theth hem, y thereof they thanke our lozde Jelu Crist of whome procedeth all watte and goodnesse. And if there be any thyng that displease hem I pray hem also that they arecte it to the defaute of many becompanies for our boke sayther all that is written for our boctrine.

and that is myne entent! wherfore Tbelche you mekely for the mercy of god that pe for me prape that Crpft haue mercy on me and forpeue me my gpites a namely of my tran-Clacions of worldly bangues, the whiche ? renoke in my retractions. Is is the boke of Troplus the boke alio of fame the boke of reb.ladies the boke of the Duchelle/the boke of faput Malentynes day of the parlyament of by desithe tales of Caunterbury tho that Cownen buto Conne the boke of the Ipon and many other bokes if they were in my remem braunce and many alonge and many ales checouse lape that Cryst of his great mercy forpeue me the fpnne. But of the tranflacton of Bocce De confolacione and other bokes! as of legendes of lapates and omelies ino rairte and beuocponi that thanke Tof our lorde Telu Cryft and his bleffed moder and all the farntes of beuen befeetyng bem that they from benfeforthe buto my lyues ende lende me grace to bewayle my gpltes/that it maye ftanbe bnto the fauacion of mp foule! and graunte me grace of very repentaunces confeilion and latil faction to bo in this pics lent lpfel through the benigne grace of hom that is kying of apriges and preeft of all pres fes that bought by with the precious blode of his herte (o that I mape be one of hem at the day of dome that I hal be laued. Dut cum patre et fpiritulancto biuit et regnat Deus. Ber omnia lecula leculojum. Imen.

Thus endeth the boke of Caunterbury tales. Imprinted at London in flete, frece by me Rycharde Pyncon; punter but the kynges noble grace: and fynic, thed the yete of our loide god a. M. CCCC. and redicte to bay of June.

